



## YEAR 6

### CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER – Autumn 2 December 2021

This half term the children have continued to learn about their theme Africa across a range of subjects. After finishing learning about the Ancient Kingdom of Benin the children have been learning about South Africa and in particular Apartheid. Learning about Nelson Mandela, his role in the ANC and his fight for racial justice, something which is just as important today.

We hope you enjoy looking at what the children have been learning and all their achievements this half term.

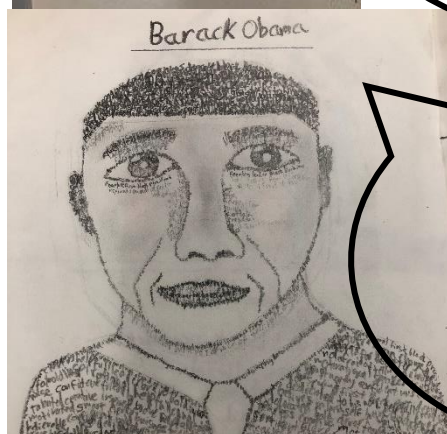
Thank you and we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Year 6 Team.

#### Black History Month

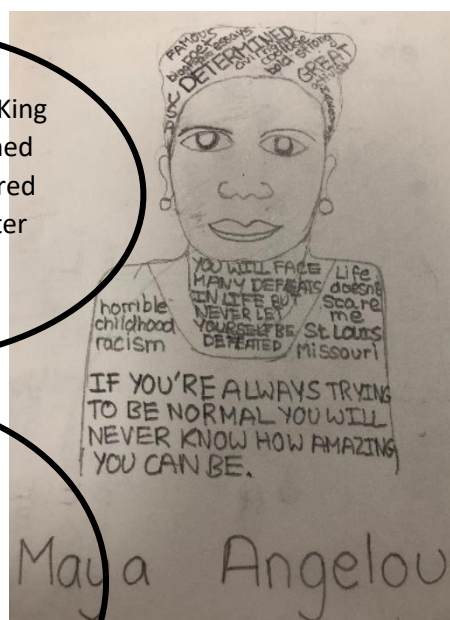
During Autumn 1 the children took part in many different activities and assemblies focusing on the influence of black and Asian people. During October they completed an art activity where they drew an influential person of their choice, researched inspirational quotes based on that person or the Black Lives Matter movement and replaced their drawn lines with the words to create the outline. This technique was highly effective. Can you spot any famous people?



I chose Martin Luther King because he campaigned for equality and inspired me to become a better person today



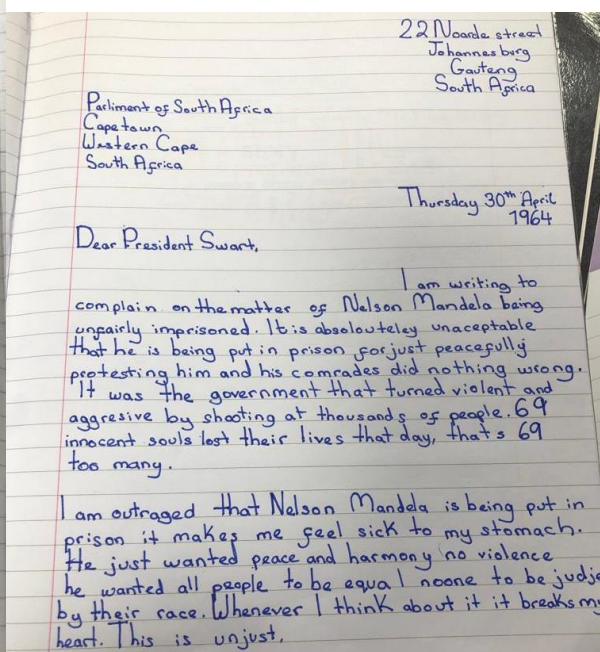
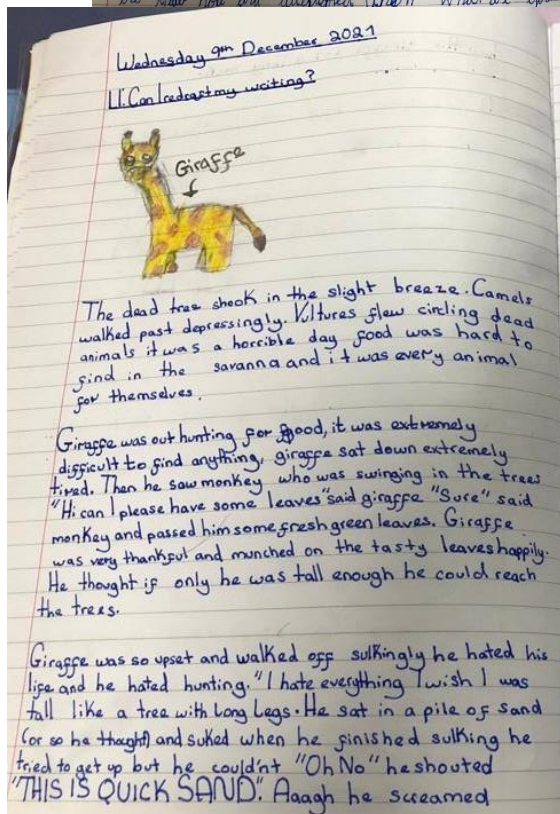
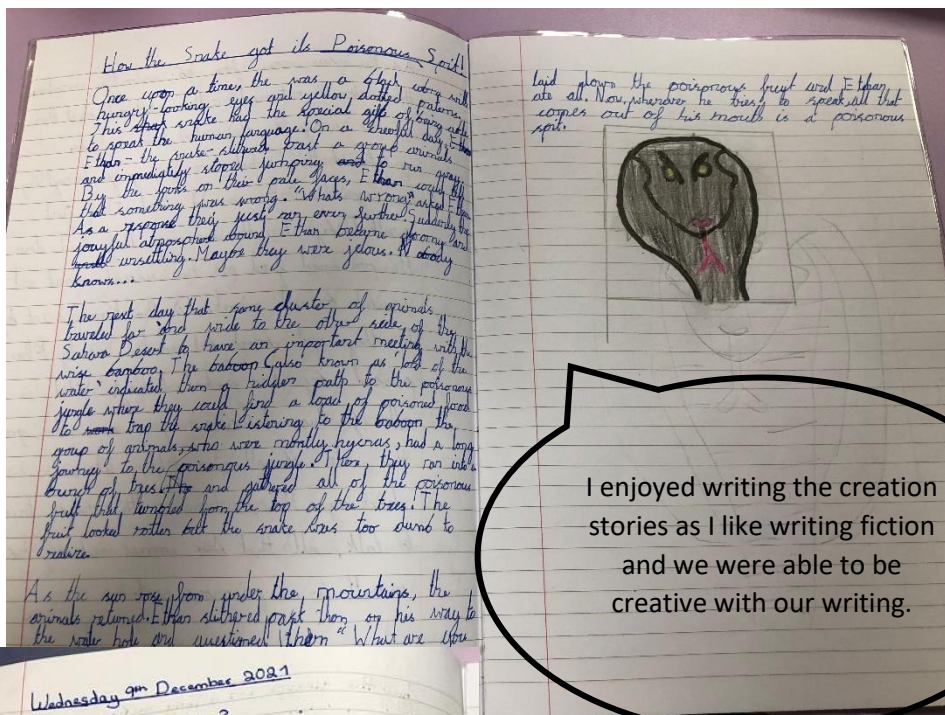
I enjoyed creating these because it was art but we were also able to express our thoughts through writing too.





## Writing

In writing we have written creation stories based on African animals, letters of complaint to the South African Government in support of releasing Nelson Mandela and diary entries as Nelson Mandela.







### Religious Education

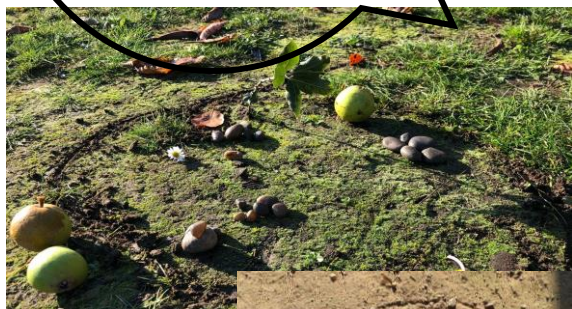
Children have been learning about Buddhism in their RE lessons and had the wonderful opportunity to visit the Buddhist Temple in Wimbledon. Whilst there they were able to learn more about Buddhism from Buddhist monks and nuns and also see what they have been learning about in a different context.

During their RE lessons children learnt about meditation, zen gardens and mandalas and had the opportunity to create their own outside.

We enjoyed making the zen gardens as it was something new and it was very peaceful and calming. It was fun to decorate and make them our own.



We liked our trip to the Buddhist temple, it was very peaceful and beautiful. The incense were lovely to smell and added to the peace.



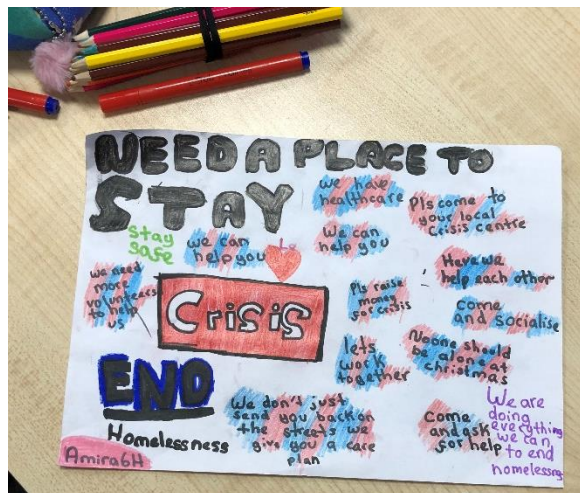


### Virtual Sessions

This half term we have had two virtual sessions. One was with the Horniman museum so we could consolidate our learning on the Ancient Benin kingdom and look at their artefacts including some Benin Bronzes.



The other was with two ladies from the charity Crisis. In RE we have been learning about the work Crisis does for homeless people over the Christmas period but also at other times in the year. We were able to learn more and asked important questions.







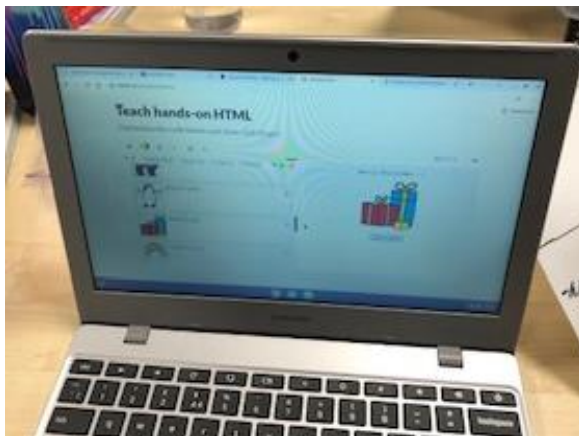
### Art and DT

In art we worked together to collaborate on creating a large art piece of the continent Africa. We were all given different countries, researched them and then added pictures to represent those countries onto an outline which were all then pieced together to create the continent.

When it all came together it looked so colourful. We learnt a lot about the different countries when we were researching



In DT we used our coding skills to create interactive Christmas cards.



It was fun to see the characters on the screen move when we had coded it correctly!



## ART

A local artist Maud Milton, who has created murals at Selhurst and Thornton Heath stations, asked children to be a part of her new project. She gave us clay tiles and we used a range of things from our homes or the classroom to create patterns. Different schools took part and when it is finished, we will see if we can take a trip to visit it.

