

Dear Parents and carers,

Donation of laptops from the Royal Shakespeare Company

It was a lovely job giving out the laptops this week that have been donated to the RSC by one of their benefactors. We were one of just 12 schools nationally that were fortunate enough to receive the donation due to our special relationship with the RSC as an Associate School. The aim of the donation of the laptops, wi-fi dongles and sim cards is to support children with digital access during this time when pupils are relying more heavily on remote learning and to help families to have increased access to a computer and connectivity in their home.

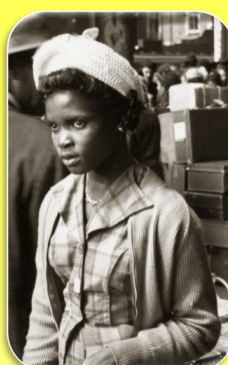
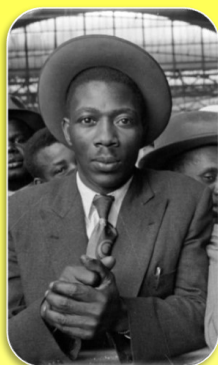


Best wishes, Juliette Westwood



Coming to England

As part of a whole school writing task, children have been thinking about the topic of migration, in particular the journey taken by families from the West Indies on the ship The HMS Windrush in 1948. Older pupils learnt about life back at home in the West Indies and why families were motivated to start new lives in England. Through research, drama, poetry and music, children were able to empathise with the travellers. They then imagined they were on board The Empire Windrush and wrote diary entries explaining their hopes, fears and regrets. Younger pupils concentrated on the idea of a journey and wrote sentences about real and imaginary trips.



Coming to

Friday 6th November
L.O: To be able to write a diary entry about my first day on Empress Windrush.

24th May 1948

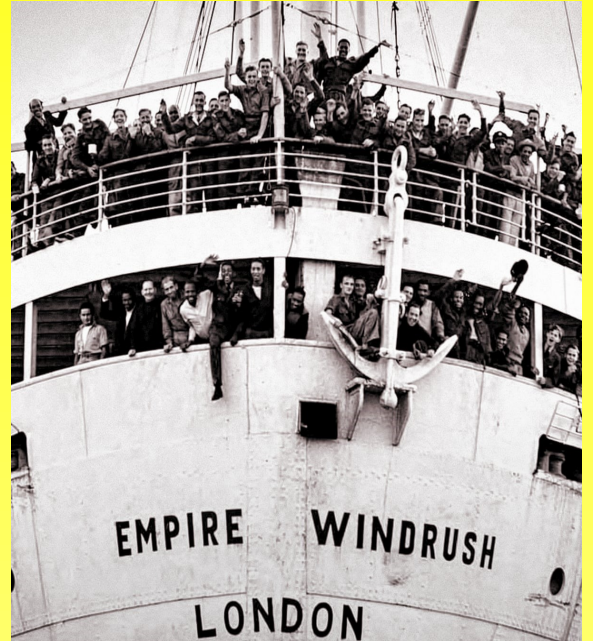
Dear Diary,

Today was the day I finally started my journey to England on the Empress Windrush and what a day has been!



Dear Diary

When I first got the ticket I felt tremendous, so happy. But I was full of trepidation because of new people I would meet. Also I felt extraordinary that I would help the people of London. As I boarded the ship I was full of excitement as I was sent to the deck. I searched for my family around the crowd to say my final goodbye to my family and I waved to my for the last ever time. As the ship before very long the ship started to leave the harbour.



Soon the ship bob up and down on the blue water people it was wobbling, falling into people & it got windy and colder. People around me felt seasick because of the ship bobbing up and down, also after all the falling down. Next, I was sent to my place on the deck. It was cold, wet, shivering and fresh sea wind + we were huddled together to keep warm it was very cramped. The trepidation was growing inside me on the journey because of how long I was going to stay there I still was hopeful though. This evening we were given tin food. It was revolting as I ate it was very mushed but I ate it because I was very hungry and I had nothing else to eat. I am feeling tired, shuddered and overwinded so I hope I get some sleep tonight. I'll be right again soon Misha.

Coming to England

Wednesday 4th November 2020 (1) (11)

Thursday 26th May 1948

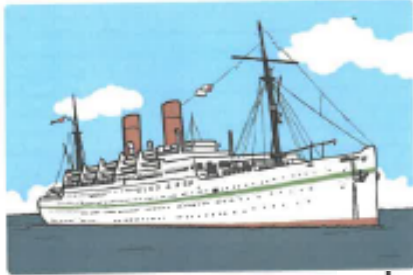
I remember boarding the ship and I already missed my family. They were so important to me, I wish I could see them again. It's only been three days, and miss I admit. They've been wonderful. I got the cabin class and I don't regret it one bit. It was so expensive yet so worth it. I made friends with my 'bunk buddy' who sleeps on the top bunk. No matter how hard I try thinking about something else my family always prevails. It's impossible to forget when I wash and waited when the boat started moving. I just begged for them to come with me, but it didn't work.

Friday 27th May 1948

I'm feeling a bit seasick today and I feel like ^{believe that} when I think of my family... It comforts me. I forgot my mother's old car by accident. It's 6:57pm but he loves it when I'm early. I'll write ~~later~~ tomorrow I swear.

Saturday 28th May 1948

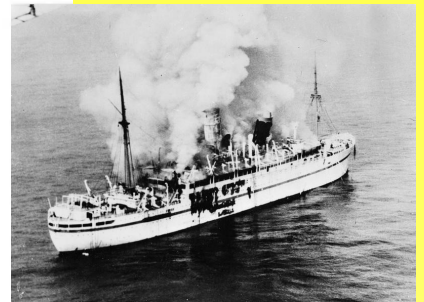
A job and money is all my dad needs. For me, for him, for our home and our needs. Dad called me again. "William! Get over here!"



He's repeating my name on and on! I'll be back in a second please wait hold on! Okay, I'm back, it was just a shooting star, very pretty, must say. Oh, it's getting super dark. If anyone sees this, ^{hopefully not} I know that I'm on the Empire Windrush. I must go to sleep, as my father now tells me. Goodnight, dear.

Sunday 29th May 1948

Some lovely vocabulary choices Lilly. They really helped to bring emotion to your writing.



Year 1/2/3

Looking at Learning

Last week we ended our learning on the journey of Empress Windrush by acting out parts of the journey.



We were very excited to get out tickets! We knew they would have cost the passengers a lot of money.

We boarded the ship and went straight to the deck to wave goodbye to our families.



We imagined how the boat might have rocked in the water. Some of us felt a little seasick.



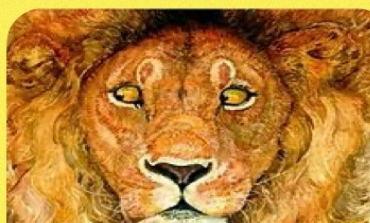
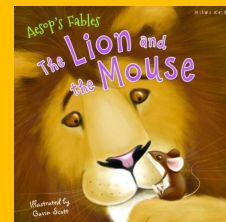
We had some stowaways on board our ship too! They had to hide at different times so they wouldn't be spotted!



Some of us were very excited to have a cabin ticket, until we realised how dark and cramped the cabins may have been.

Nursery and Reception

The Lion and the Mouse



In Reception and Nursery we have been exploring the story of 'The Lion and the Mouse'. The children have helped to create a class story map and have had a go at sequencing the story independently.



During our Forest Schools session we collected leaves to create our own leaf lions back in the classroom. We also explored mark making on tree bark by drawing our own magical dragons using the natural features of the tree bark. The children are really developing their phonic knowledge and are now applying it writing some simple CVC words.



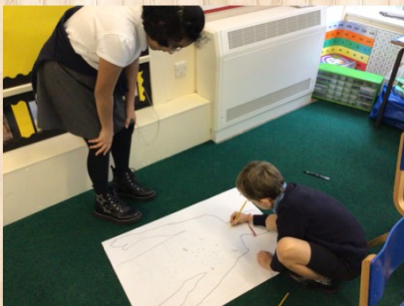
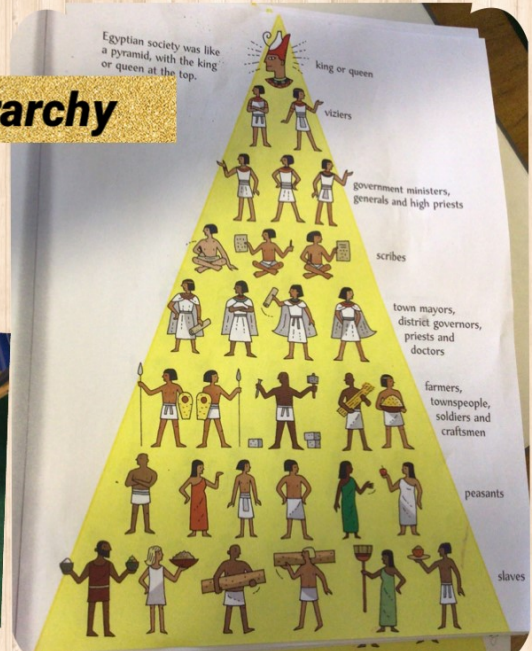
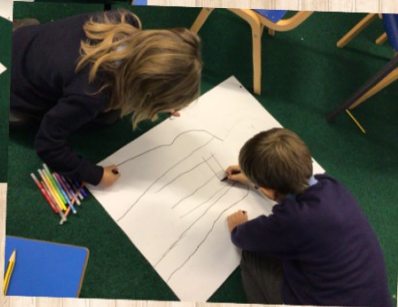


Year 4/5/6 Pharaohs



Monday 9th November 2020

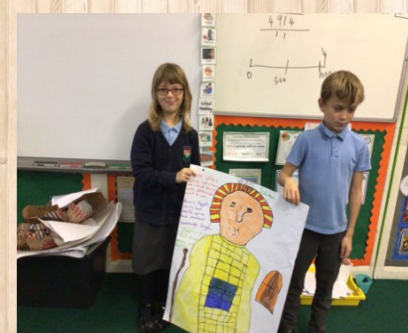
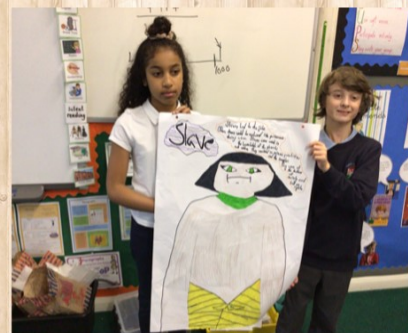
LO: To research Egyptian Heirarchy



Today we found out more about Egyptian society and their hierarchy. With our talk partner, we created life-size drawings of the different people and added our facts about them to hang on our washing line.



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***Our finished
Egyptian people
to help with our
class fact file.***

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Lighthorne Heath Learning Heroes



Co-operate

Nursery and Reception

Mrs Hartley's and Mrs Manley's Lighthorne Heath Hero this week is Adan. He has grown greatly in confidence since starting school and has picked up an impressive amount of English vocabulary. Adan has focused on his home learning like our learning character Concentrate the eagle. He is quickly learning the phonetic sounds and is always willing to have a go!



Have a go



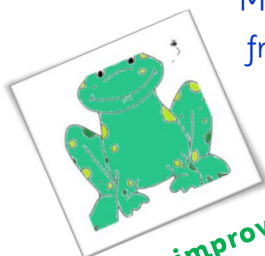
Persevere

Year 1/2/3

Mrs Hill's and Mrs Munday's Lighthorne Heath Hero for this week is Misha. She puts in so much effort into all of her learning, just like our elephant learning character. Misha is always kind to others, just like our lion, and is a great friend and all-round pleasure to have in the classroom!



Concentrate



Keep on improving

Year 4/5/6

Mrs Cox's Lighthorne Heath Hero nomination is Amy-Leigh who has been working so hard this term. She has shown her love of learning like the dolphin, she's concentrated hard like the eagle and she is not afraid to have a go and use her imagination to help with her work - like the pig and the unicorn. Well done Amy!



Use your imagination



Enjoy learning



Parents' Evenings

Pupil Progress Reviews

Dear Parents and carers

We will be holding remote parents' and carers' evenings on Microsoft Teams on:

Tuesday 8th December 3.15-5.45pm

Wednesday 9th December 3.15-5.45pm

Good news! Parents' Evenings just got a whole lot easier because you can now book your appointments online through Teachers2parents.

We will send a link to your mobile phone and/or email address on **Wednesday 18th November**), which will take you to our online booking system to select a time convenient for you. Please follow these simple steps to book your slot:

1. Click the link that you receive through text and/or email to take you to the confirmation page. You will need internet access to do this.
2. Enter your child's first name to continue. If you have more than one child, any of their first names will work.
3. Next you will be taken to the booking page. This will show your children, alongside all of the teachers that you can book in with.
4. Click 'Please Choose' to be shown a list of available times that you can click to book. This will even give you the option to add any notes that you might want the teacher to see before the meeting.
5. After you have entered any notes, please click 'Book this Slot' to complete your booking. When the button has turned green you know your booking has been made.
6. At any time before the Parents Evening, you can click the link on your phone or email again to check your booking time or even un-book by clicking the green booked button.

Make sure you book your parents' / carers' evening as soon as possible after booking opens on Wednesday 18th November to ensure you get the best time for you.

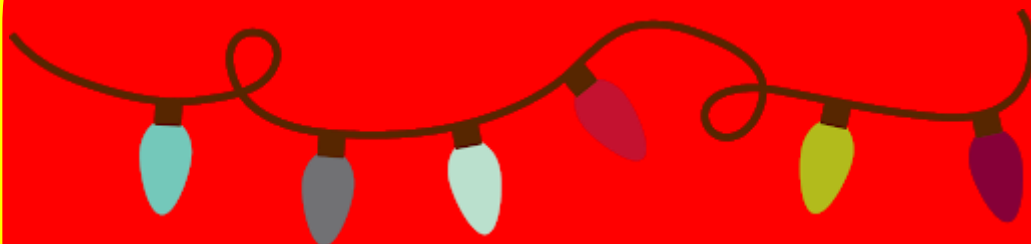
Please note that we are only able to email the booking link to the first contact on Teachers2parents. Where families are split, we politely request that the first contact sends the Microsoft Teams link to the second contact (regrettably, we are currently unable to offer more than one online session per child due to time constraints).

Booking will close on Friday 27th November. If you are experiencing technical difficulty booking, please telephone or email the school office.

You will receive a written summary of your child's achievement so far this term on Friday 4th December, which will form the basis of your discussion with your child's class teacher.

You will receive a Microsoft Teams meeting link to the online meeting on Monday 7th December. Please note that Microsoft Teams is free to download on all devices (including smart phones). Clicking on the link will take you straight into the online meeting room.

Christmas Lunch



We will be serving a special Christmas menu on Friday 18th December

Sadly, we're unable to offer our traditional Christmas dinner in the hall this year. However, we'll do everything we can to make lunch special for each class with music, crackers and the following festive, deli-bag menu:

Pigs-in Blankets hot dog

or

Best of British, Quorn vegan sausage with stuffing hot dog

ketchup or cranberry sauce.

Served with Criss-Cringle potatoes, Rudolf's carrots and red pepper sticks

Home-made chocolate cracknel bauble

Juice carton



If you would like to book a Christmas Deli Bag for your child please log in to parent pay to book your meal under the payment item **Christmas Deli Bag 1812/20**. You must book your request by **Tuesday 17 November 2020** as our kitchen will need to place their food order.

Although all children in KS1 receive a Universal Free School Meal, we would be really grateful if you could still log in to make the booking to assist us with giving numbers to Educaterers. Similarly, if your child is in receipt of a free school meal please also still log in to Parent Pay to make the booking for your child.

The cost of the Christmas deli bag is £2.25 and payment should be made prior to December 18th 2020 .

If you child does not want a deli bag on this day, they will still receive a cracker and be able to join in with the rest of their class bubble.

Please don't hesitate to contact the school office
if you have any queries.

