



Trafalgar Schools' Federation



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Golden Newsletter

Autumn 1, 2024-25

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

As we reach the end of our first half term, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of you for your continued support and engagement with our school community. It's been a wonderful start to the year, and I'm incredibly proud of what our children have achieved so far.

We've had some exciting events and activities, which have been great opportunities for our children to explore their interests and talents. The school has been alive with many sporting activities, assemblies and performances of music and poetry. This month we have celebrated Black History Month, Mental Health Day and our annual Trafalgar Day. We hope that many children will participate in the BBC story writing competition (500 Words) and the local Art competition over half term. (More information is in the weekly newsletter.)

Looking ahead, we have more exciting activities and PTA events in the run-up to Christmas and we look forward to sharing these with you. As always, we encourage you to stay involved in school life.

Chair of Governors message

Welcome to all the children who have started at Trafalgar this term. And welcome back to returning children and staff.

I'd like to say a big thank you to the staff for their continued hard work, which was so wonderfully demonstrated in the successful SATS results.

It's great to see all the many and exciting things the children have done so far this term. A big thank you to all of you for being part of our school community.

Reminder

INSET day on **Monday 4th November** after half-term (**school closed**) so the first day back for the children will be Tuesday 5th November

October

21st October -
TRAFALGAR DAY



Black History Month 2024

Year 5 -This half term, we have been looking at the artwork of **Stephen Wiltshire** and the children have been drawing their own pen and ink cityscapes.

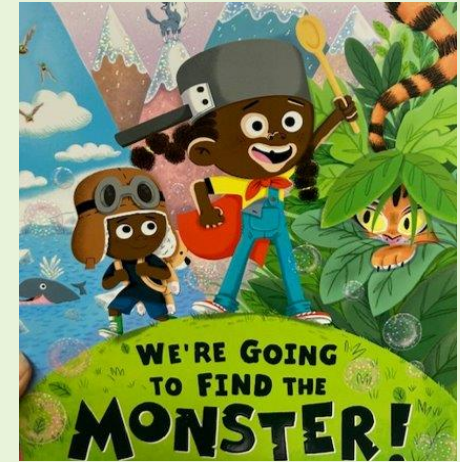
Black History Assembly



Musician -
Stevie Wonder -
Sang Happy
Birthday -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jsG8n80lBxk>

Reception read this Mallory Blackman story together.



Author Mallory
Blackman



Rosa Parkes
Florence
Nightingale

- Crimean War
- 1853-56



American
mathematicians: **Katherine Goble Johnson** (Taraji P. Henson), **Dorothy Vaughan** (Octavia Spencer), and **Mary Jackson** (Janelle Monáe), who worked at NASA during the Space Race.



Pupil Leadership opportunities

Head Boy Montgomery, Head Girl Harper. Deputies Alice and Zachary



There are many opportunities to develop pupil leadership at Trafalgar, helping children grow into responsible young citizens. Here are some of them...

In KS1 pupils can be: School Councillors, Digital Leaders, T.I.G.E.R's, Musical Maestros, Listening Friends and Reading Ambassadors. There will be additional opportunities to join these roles later in the year. In KS2 pupils can also be School Councillors, as well Reading Ambassadors, Members of Pupil Parliament, Head and Deputy Head Boy & Girl and Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.

Year 2 Digital Leaders



Listening Friends



KS1 School Councillors



KS1 Reading Ambassadors



Musical Maestros



T.I.G.E.R.S



Pupil Parliament

Pupil Parliament is an event for Y6 children which was originally set up by Trafalgar back in the 1990s. This year we resumed organisation of the event and offered schools across the borough a chance to come together to debate a topical issue in the council chambers of York House, Twickenham.

This year the debate was on whether children under the age of 14 should have access to smart phones.

A selection of Y6 children gave one-minute speeches in assembly to the rest of KS2 who then voted for their favourite speaker. It was close-knit contest but Alex and Mark were elected to attend York House. Last Friday, they met with 20 other schools and the Mayor of Richmond, Councillor Richard Pyne.

An excellent lesson in democracy and debate!



Our proud Y6 candidates!

All of KS2 voted in special polling booths.



Mark and Alex outside York House.

Alex giving her speech to her fellow MPPs (Members of Pupil Parliament).



Harvest Celebrations and Donations



A great big thank you to all of our families for the generous donations to our Harvest appeal for local charities. Reception and Year 1 and 2 collected a fabulous amount of food and toiletries for Richmond Aid, which we dropped off on Monday morning. They were so grateful and told us that your donations would help around 80 families.

THANK YOU

We have also talked and sung about the importance of the Harvest in our weekly assemblies and also our class assemblies.

Our favourite songs are:
Cauliflower's Fluffy and Harvest Samba



See our website for the new winter school lunch menu.

Delicious Hot School Lunches

Caterlink Autumn Winter Menu 24/25	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE					
04/11/2024	Option 1 NEW Tomato & Vegetable Pasta	Cottage Pie with Gravy	Pull/Pull or BBQ Chicken with Diced Seasoned Potatoes & Sweetcorn Sauce CHICKEN SHACK	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Salmon Fishfingers/ Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
25/11/2024	Option 2 Mexican Fajitas with Rice	NEW Creamy Vegetable and Coconut Curry with Rice	Pull/Pull or BBQ Quorn with Diced Seasoned Potatoes & Sweetcorn Sauce	NEW Cheese and Broccoli Pasta with Garlic Bread	Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Chips & Tomato Sauce
16/12/2024	Option 3 Jacket Potato with selection of Toppings	Jacket Potato with selection of Toppings	Jacket Potato with selection of Toppings	Jacket Potato with selection of Toppings	Jacket Potato with selection of Toppings
20/01/2025	Melting Moment Biscuit	Blackberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Fruit Platter	Carrot Cake	Chocolate Orange Cookie
10/02/2025					
10/03/2025					
31/03/2025					
WEEK TWO					
11/11/2024	Option 1 Classic Cheese and Tomato Piza with Potato Wedges	NEW Chicken Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread	Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	NEW Tuna Pasta Bake or Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
02/12/2024	Option 2 Rainbow Piza with Potato Wedges	Chinese Vegetable Curry with Rice	Vegan Sausage and Mash with Gravy	NEW Mild Mexican Chili with Rice	Mexican Bean Roll with Chips & Tomato Sauce
06/01/2025	Option 3 Jacket Potato with selection of Toppings	Jacket Potato with selection of Toppings	Jacket Potato with selection of Toppings	Jacket Potato with selection of Toppings	Jacket Potato with selection of Toppings
27/01/2025	Peach Cake	Jelly with Mandarins	Fruit Medley	Marble Sponge Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Apple Flatjack
24/02/2025					
17/03/2025					
WEEK THREE					
18/11/2024	Option 1 Macaroni Cheese	NEW Mild Caribbean Chicken with Rice and Peas	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Breaded Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce
09/12/2024	Option 2 Vegan Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice	NEW Caribbean Butterbean Stew with Rice and Peas	Vegetable Pasty with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	NEW Hot Pot Baked Bean Casserole with Rice	Cheese and Pepper Omelette with Chips & Tomato Sauce
13/01/2025	Option 3 Jacket Potato with selection of Toppings	Jacket Potato with selection of Toppings	Jacket Potato with selection of Toppings	Jacket Potato with selection of Toppings	Jacket Potato with selection of Toppings
03/02/2025	Chocolate Brownie	Slicky Toffees Apple Crumble with Custard	Fruit Salad	NEW Savoury Cheese Scone	Vanilla Shortbread
03/03/2025					
24/03/2025					
MENU KEY	Added Plant Power Wholemeal Vegan				
	ALLERGY INFORMATION: If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to provide a note from a doctor or dietitian.				



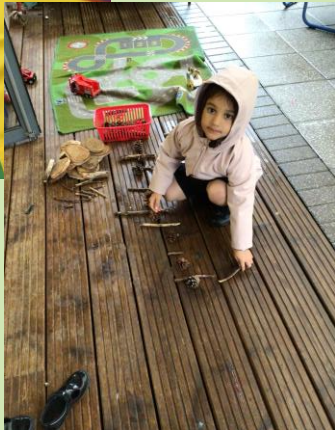
Reception



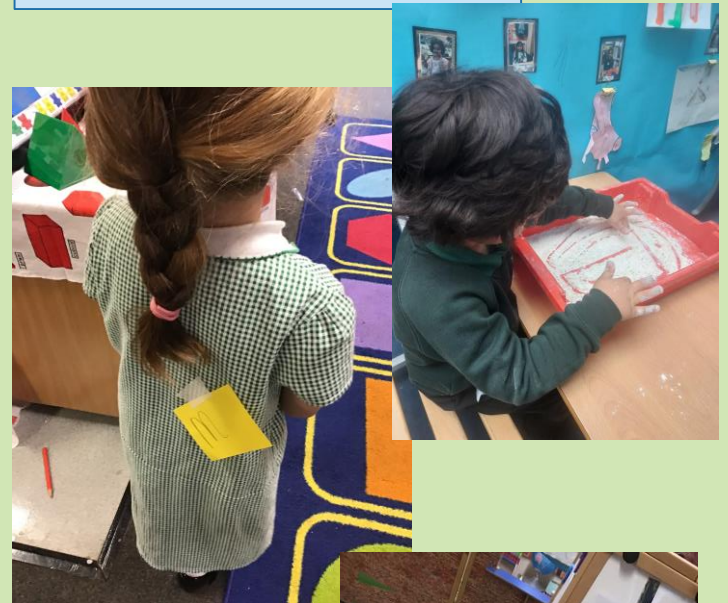
We have enjoyed exploring our classrooms and outdoor environment. We love our class book corners and hearing stories read by our teachers!



We have loved taking part in our daily 'drawing club' with our teachers and friends. We write letters in sand, flour or glitter and also write 'magic messages' to stick on people!



Well done to the new Reception classes who have settled in so well this term!



In maths we have made repeating patterns, sorted objects into different groups and have also started to practise counting and writing numbers.

We love exploring our senses and particularly enjoyed scooping out the insides from pumpkins this term! We used words like 'sticky', 'orange' and 'wet' to describe what we could feel!

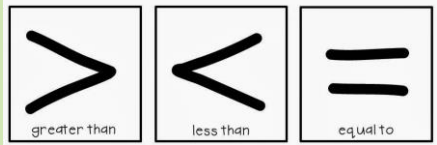


Year 1

As part of our Science and Geography learning, we went on an Autumn walk to the Woodland area at Meadway. We enjoyed looking at the changing leaves and spotting other signs of Autumn.



We have been exploring our new outdoor area, and will be using it to extend our classroom learning during continuous provision.



In maths we have been looking at numbers within 10. Concentrating on knowing which numbers are greater and smaller than each other.



In science we have been learning about parts of our bodies, as well as exploring our senses! We had an amazing science afternoon where we tasted and smelt so many different things.



In English we have been reading some amazing books! Our favourites have been 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and Monkey puzzle. Look at our amazing work on display. We have also been doing daily handwriting, to help us form all our letters correctly.

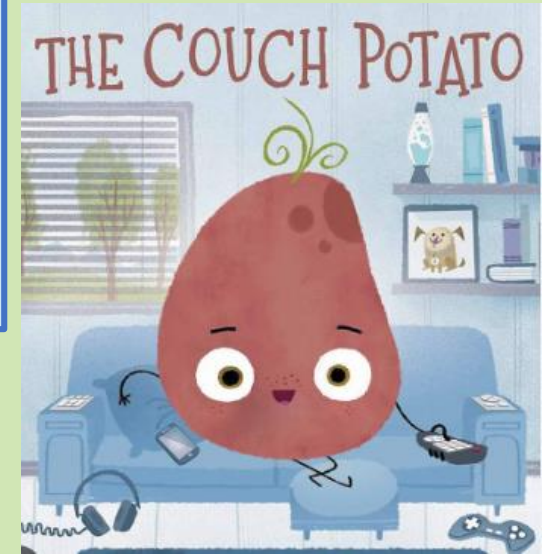
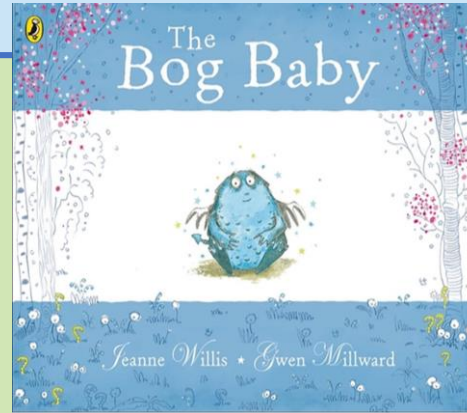


In PE this year we have enjoyed making the most of the sunshine and have been walking down to our Meadway field to take part in Golden Games with Year 2. We have been practising our throwing and catching skills using a variety of different equipment, including balls, bean bags and hoops.

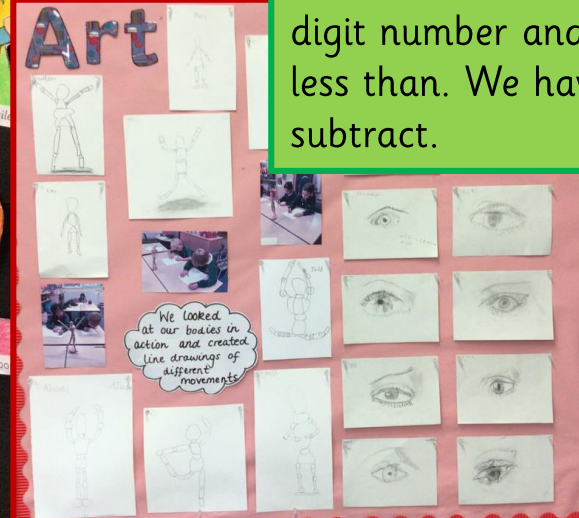
Year 2

In art, we have been looking at our bodies in action and created line drawings of different movements. We also studied our eyes and created detail sketches of them. Lastly, we looked at cubism and studied the work of Picasso. We then used what we learned to create our own portraits in the same style using oil pastels.

In English, we have been learning to write descriptions using expanded noun phrases. We enjoyed writing our own stories based on the book 'Bog Baby' and created our own mysterious creatures. We also read 'Couch Potato' which has linked nicely with our unit in Science about how to have a healthy lifestyle.



In Maths we have been learning to partition a two-digit number and use the symbols for more than and less than. We have started to learn how to add and subtract.



21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40
41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50
51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60
61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70
71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80
81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90
91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100

Making 10
 $9 + 1 = 10$
 $10 + 3 = 13$ $10 + 2 = 12$

What number am I?
 $90 + 4 = 94$
 $80 + 14 = 94$
 $70 + 24 = 94$
 $60 + 34 = 94$
 $50 + 44 = 94$
 $40 + 54 = 94$
 $30 + 64 = 94$
 $20 + 74 = 94$
 $10 + 84 = 94$

What number is this?
Tens: $\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline \square & \square & \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array}$ ones: $\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline \square & \square & \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array}$

$>$ greater than
 $<$ less than
 $=$ equal to
 $58 > 24$
 $18 < 31$
2tens = 20

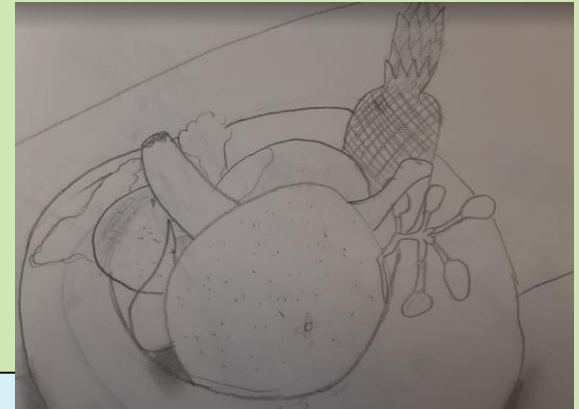
Year 3

The Year 3 staff are so proud of each and every child for how well they have settled into life into Year 3. They have all worked so hard.

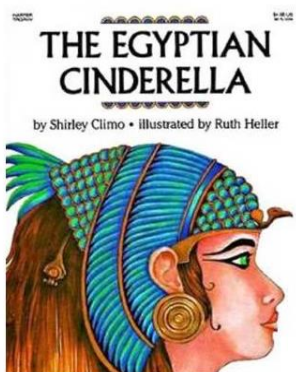
English – The Egyptian Cinderella
With a focus on correct punctuation, neat handwriting and description, we are incredibly proud of the retelling of the story - with a change - the children have produced and shared this term. We also learnt about non-fiction writing and how to use headings and subheadings. We enjoyed creating informative fact files on Ancient Egypt.



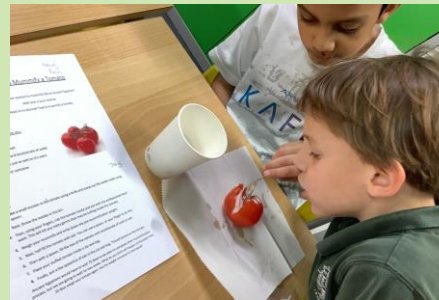
Science
We have learnt about health and nutrition and also the purpose of bones and muscles.



Art – we have been looking at shape, tone and texture and developing our sketching techniques. We combined all this learning for our final pieces and produced some fabulous drawings in our sketch books.



Year 3 – Ancient Egypt Day!



Year 3 were transported back in time to Ancient Egypt! They solved Egyptian number puzzles, mummified tomatoes, tasted Egyptian fruit, drank 'beer' and painted collars fit for a Pharaoh! They also took part, and gave some great performances, in their theatre workshop about Moses and Egyptians. The workshop also links with our summer RW study on Judaism and Passover. We all had a fabulous day!



Y3 and Y6 Buddies!

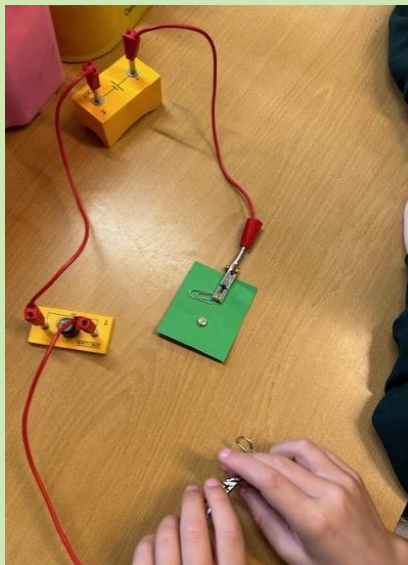
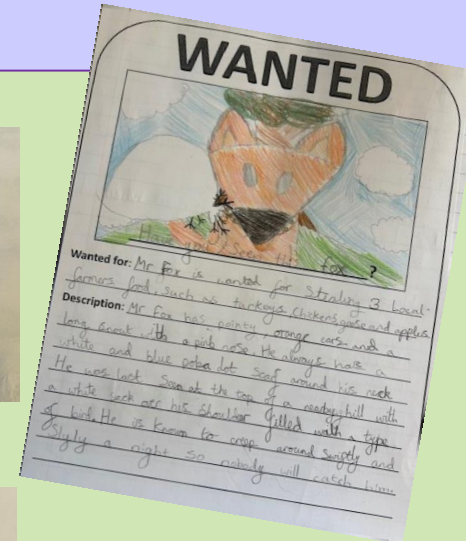
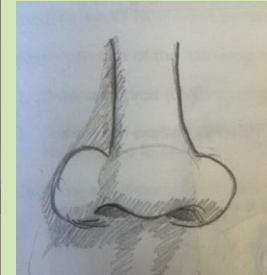
As part of the transition from KS1 to KS2, children in Y2 are given Y5 buddies in the summer term, so when they arrive in Y3 in September they have a friendly face at the top end of the school. So many happy faces!



Year 4

We've had a great start to Year 4 this first half term. We've focused on the text *Fantastic Mr Fox* in English, worked with numbers up to 10,000 in Maths as well as studying the rise and fall of the Roman Empire in our History lessons and so much more!

In Science we have been studying electricity. We explored the differences between mains and battery powered devices and had a go at developing our prediction skills whilst making our own circuits using cells and lightbulbs. We also made different types of switches and had a go at using motors with our own spinners!



In Art we have been looking at the different types of drawing techniques needed when drawing portraits. We studied the work of Frida Kahlo and her style of surrealist self-portraits. We used iPads to take a photo of ourselves and created our own in our sketchbooks!



Year 4 Roman Day!

During Roman Day, our Year 4 children were able to get involved in many creative History activities! This included: working with Roman numerals in Maths, creating a fact file on Hadrian's Wall, designing and making a mosaic tile and taking part in a Roman feast and drama workshop!

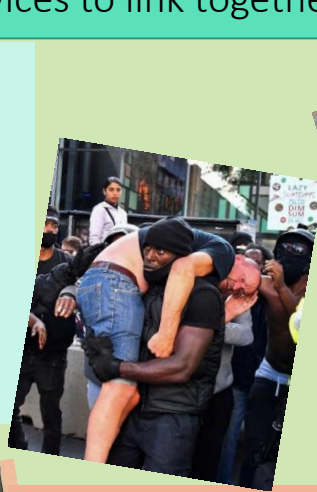


Year 5

Year 5 have been doing some wonderful cross curricular learning this half term about the ancient Maya civilisation. In **History**, we have been using sources of evidence to find out what daily life was like for the Maya people. In **English**, we used our text, Rain Player, as a stimulus for some wonderful writing. The book tells the story of a young boy who challenges the Rain God, Chac, to a game of Pok-a-Tok in order to bring about much needed rain for his people. We wrote adverts to persuade people to join Pik's team; diary entries imagining it was the night before the big match and then ended the book with a thrilling match report. We then spent a week researching and answering the question: What have the Maya done for us? Quite a lot it turns out- we have the Maya to thank for chocolate, team sports, one of the first calendars and the introduction of farming techniques still used today. We researched an area in groups and presented it to the class. We then used this information to write an essay to explain what some of the greatest achievements of the Maya were, using cohesive devices to link together our paragraphs.



In **Art**, we have been developing our drawing and painting skills including using watercolours in our Cityscapes unit. We have explored perspective and studied the work of Stephen Wiltshire. This has inspired our own drawings of cityscapes using ink pens.

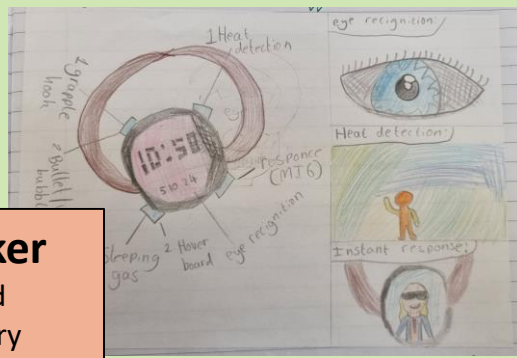


In **Religion and Worldviews**, we have been looking at charities. We have looked at the parable of The Good Samaritan and discussed the message of 'Love thy neighbour'. We looked at the Black Lives Matter protest and the news story about Patrick Hutchinson. We have tried to empathise with those facing poverty on the streets of Kolkata by making paper bags. We have looked at a range of charities, including Oxfam and Islamic Relief.

Year 6

English – Stormbreaker

The children have really enjoyed Anthony Horowitz's exciting story about the teenage spy, Alex Rider. Inspired by the book, they have designed and persuasively sold their spy gadgets and written about the Portuguese Man o' War in the style of David Attenborough.



Tuesday, 15th October 2024
10:5 write a non-chronological report
Physalia Physalis

Lurking beneath the surface of tropical oceans, lives the Portuguese Man O' War: *Physalia Physalis*. Unlike other creatures, the *Physalia Physalis* is not one animal, but a siphonophore: many organisms working as one, each with its own job.

Appearance
This stunning beast floats on the surface of the water using its gas-filled bladder, which has a colourful tip, that acts like a sail, to help the *physalia physalis* drift across tropical waters. With its over 30 metre tentacles, that are packed with cells, the Portuguese Man O' War can give a painful sting, long after it is dead.

Diet
Physalis' vicious tentacles trail menaces

Outdoor learning in Science.

We enjoyed identifying and counting invertebrates and trees in the woodlands at Meadway and Kneller Gardens.



Junior Citizen at Heatham House.

Learning how to be responsible young citizens and part of our transition to KS3 programme.



Art – we have been experimenting with different media as we explore tone and texture in landscapes. Here are some of our acrylic landscapes.



History

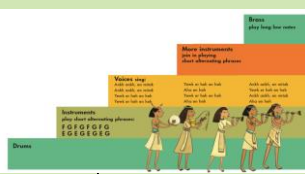
Our topic this half-term has been Ancient Greece, including the origins of democracy and the Olympics. We have spent time creating our own Greek theatre masks, inspired by Greek gods and goddesses.



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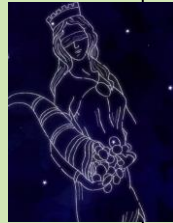
Year 3

Year 3 have enjoyed lots of singing and playing this term. 'The Amazing Egyptians' has been lots of fun to sing and play accompaniments to. They enjoyed listening and responding to a piece of contemporary music 'The Funeral of Amenhotep'. They performed beautifully in our Harvest assembly –



Year 4

Year 4 enjoyed performing actions and singing 'Just like a Roman' our topic song this term. They listened carefully to 'O Fortuna' by Carl Orff and enjoyed playing a simple melodic ostinato. One of the highlights of the term has been starting to learn to play Brass instruments.



Year 5

Singing about 'The Maya – a stone cold classic' has been great fun this term – it is a great cross curricular song! Year 5 looked at evidence of music in Maya life and enjoyed improvising and composing 'starry' sky music.

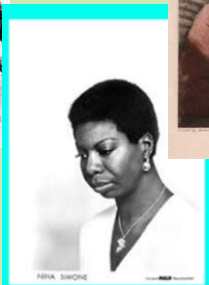
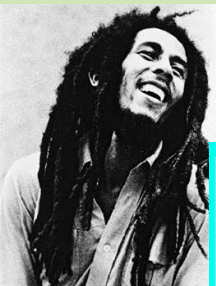


Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed singing and performing the song 'Ode to the Ancient Greeks'. They looked at evidence of music in Greek life. They listened to extracts from a very early 'L'Orfeo' by Monteverdi and created pieces using the theme of the Greek myth 'Orpheus and Eurydice'.

Black History Month

All the children have enjoyed learning about influential Black musicians from Mr Allen and during their Music lessons and assemblies. Year 3 learned about the success of Stevie Wonder and who he wrote 'Happy Birthday' for! Year 4 learned about the composer Joseph Bologne Chevalier de Saint Georges, a Black composer who lived at the time of Mozart. Year 5 listened to and sang Nina Simone's classic protest song 'I wish I knew how it would feel to be free' and Year 6 learned about the short but inspiring life of Bob Marley.



MUSIC

Harvest 2024

What a huge success this event was again this year! Thank you for all your amazing support and for sharing in our assembly. The children as always demonstrated their thoughtful and sensitive understanding for others with their incredible singing and thought provoking readings. We were all very proud of them.



Thank you to Mr Richard Smith a former deputy head at Trafalgar for coming in and sharing real stories of how the foodbanks work to support local families.

Our Harvest songs this year were ***Harvest Samba, Thank your Lucky stars, Refuge, I am and Stand by me.*** All were carefully chosen to reflect the themes the children shared during the assembly.





Autumn 1 Sports Round-Up

The sporting year at Trafalgar got off to a flying start this Autumn with the children taking part in a whopping 15 fixtures in Girls Football, Boys Football & Tag Rugby across the half-term. There were many highlights this half-term, one of them was the Richmond Borough Tag Rugby Championships (top middle). An amazing day saw Trafalgar win 2 out of 3 in the group stage which took them to the Cup Group Stage in the afternoon. A brilliant victory over local rivals Stanley was the highlight of the afternoon as they just missed out on a Semi-Final place. Another highlight was our amazing day out at The Grove Hotel in Watford meeting NFL team the Minnesota Vikings! The children got to take part in NFL drills, meet Minnesota Vikings legends (top left) and then make a guard of honour for the team as they came out to train before their London NFL game. It was a fantastic day! Finally, our Year 4 boy's football team (Middle left) took part in the Richmond Borough football festival agonisingly losing in the semi-finals in a topsy turvy 3-2 loss.



ESPAÑOL

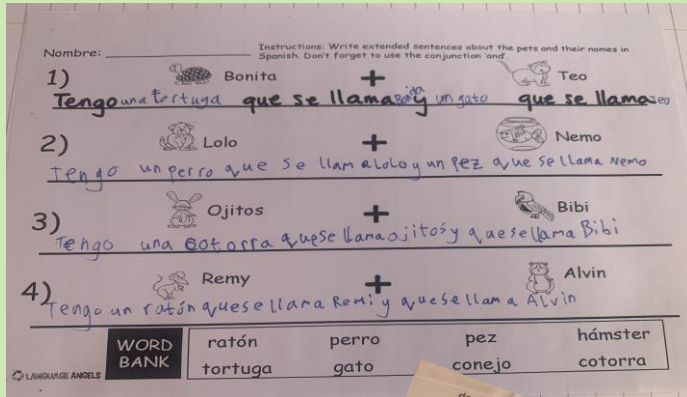
Year 3: Nos presentamos: Me llamo, tengo... años (Presenting myself)



With the word **Otoño** (Autumn) we learnt the Spanish unique letter **Ñ**

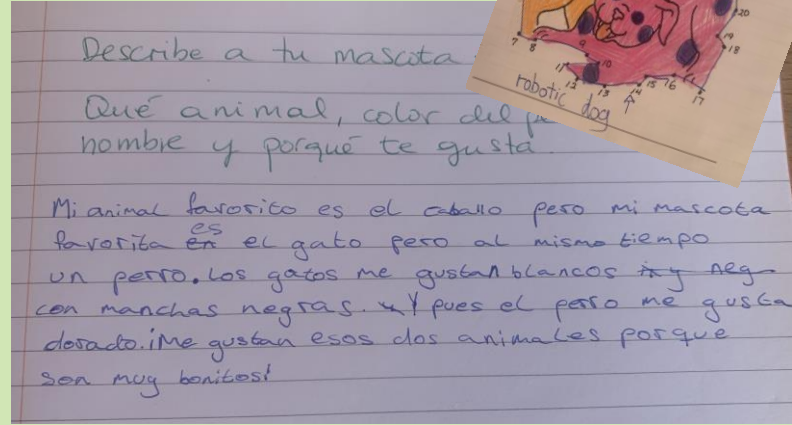
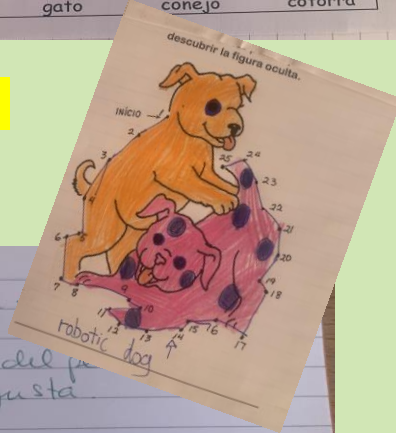


Year 5: Las mascotas/ The pets

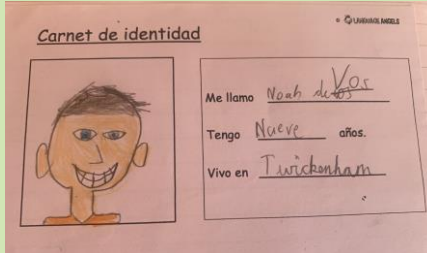


Tengo un perro/ I have a dog
Tengo un gato/ I have a cat

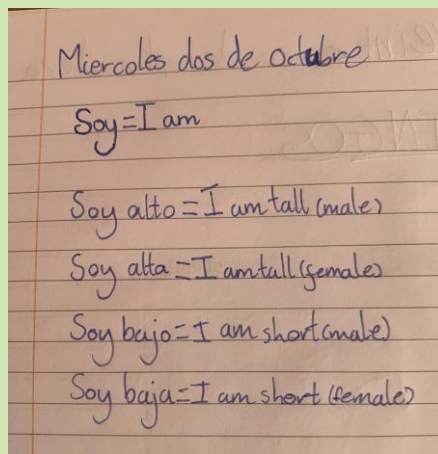
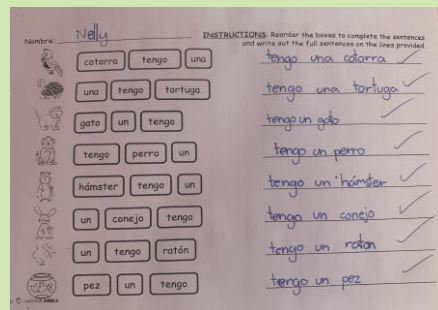
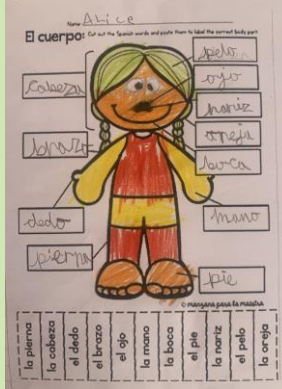
Some advanced Spanish students writing about their pets



Year 4: Nuestro carnet de identidad/ (Our Spanish ID)



Y4: Las partes del cuerpo/ Parts of the body



Year 6: Escribir una carta/ Getting ready to write a letter to our Pen Pals in Barcelona

Nos describimos/ To describe ourselves

Yo soy = I am
Tu eres = You are
Él/ Ella es = He/ she is