

We would like to thank all our pupils, parents and carers for supporting school this half term. It has been a long half term and the children have settled wonderfully. There have been many changes, and school has operated differently this half term. It has taken a lot of resilience, perseverance and optimism from everyone but we have gotten through it together. I wish you all a very restful half term.



WE HAVE THIS HOPE
AS AN ANCHOR
FOR THE SOUL,
FIRM AND SECURE.
February 9, 19

Online Learning Platform - Microsoft Teams -

We are pleased to let you know that all children from Yr. 2 - 6 have been added to their class 'Team' on Microsoft Teams; an online platform where students and teachers can communicate and work on assignments (class work).

To start we will be using Teams to share class homework to allow you to get used to using this platform. If a class bubble or school has to close in the future it will also be where you can access daily class work set by your child's teacher.

We will be sending home your child's username and password within an information leaflet next half term so look out for that.



Important Dates for your Diary!

We would like to remind you of our **Teacher Training day** on Monday 2nd November.

We would also like to share the other planned Teacher Training days for the year:

**Monday 2nd
November 2020**

Monday 4th
January 2021

Friday 23rd
April 2021

There will also be a joint training day with our Trust that we do not yet have the date for.

We will remind you of these dates closer to time

The Anchor News

Serving the local community in the name of Christ since 1859

23rd October 2020

Human dignity demands courage to defend oneself.

Learning for Life, Anchored in Christ

Our values focus this half term is **Dignity**

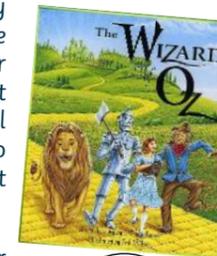
Don't forget - next week is **half term** and children return on **Tuesday 3rd November** as school is closed on **Monday 2nd November for a Teacher Training Day**.

Hello everybody,

My name is Miss San and I work alongside Mrs Ajmal (Naz) in the school office so if you have any queries or need help with anything please do call and ask. When I'm not in the office, you can find me in Breakfast Club or assisting with lunchtimes.

It's hard to believe we have completed the first half term! There has been plenty of learning going on in recent weeks, you can catch up with each class by visiting our school blog.

I am currently reading 'The Wizard of Oz' by L. Frank Baum. The story is about a young girl named Dorothy who wakes up in the magical land of Oz after she and her pet dog Toto are swept away from their Kansas home by a cyclone! In order to find their way back home, they must embark on a journey to the Emerald City and seek the help of the Great Wizard. On the way there, they meet the Scarecrow who longs for a brain, the Tin Woodman who desires a heart and the Cowardly Lion who seeks courage. All four are hopeful that the Great Oz will be able to fulfil their wishes... will he help them? If you want to find out more, give it a read!



Don't forget Monday 2nd November is a teacher training day so we will see you all on Tuesday 3rd November.

Hope you all have a safe and relaxing half term break.

Miss San - Admin Assistant



Safeguarding: NSPCC Support

NSPCC
Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

The NSPCC is an organisation there to support parents, carers and children. They have access to a range of materials and advice to help cope with coronavirus (COVID-19).

Visit their coronavirus advice hub for tips and guidance for parents and carers - from talking to a child worried about coronavirus to taking care of your mental health and much more.

Childline also has a huge online community where children can get support from their peers on message boards and use expert resources to help them through any issue they're worried about.

If adults are worried about children, they can get advice on 0808 800 5000 or help@nspcc.org.uk.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/>

we will be selling Poppies after half term

ATTENTION:
Year 6 Parents...

Birmingham City Council
Secondary School
Application Deadline

Parent's please make sure that you complete your child's Application to Secondary School before the deadline at the end of the month.

The deadline is Saturday 31st October

CONGRATULATIONS



Safeguarding: Junior PCSO's

Congratulations to our first Junior PCSO Team, who have graduated from training. We look forward to seeing the amazing work you are going to be carrying out at the academy and within the community.



UNICEF Rights of the Child



Article 24 (health and health services) Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

Attention - CHICKEN POX

There are several children suffering with Chicken Pox at the moment, so please be vigilant and see your doctor if you have any concerns



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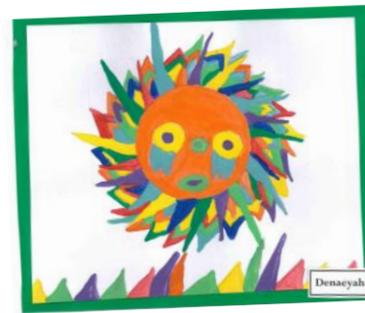


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Art Skills Day... Last week each class spent time looking at a different artist and the skills they use to create their artwork. The children then tried to create their own work inspired by them. Looking at the art work around the edge of the page, can you figure out which artist were the inspiration?



In year 3 we spent time looking at and learning about the artist Frank Bowling, who is known for his bold use of colour and experimental style. We looked at our colour mixing skills and used the primary colours to make secondary and tertiary colours. We then looked at his work and learnt about how he likes to experiment with how he applies paint to a canvas as well as hiding objects underneath his work before creating our own masterpieces.



In Early Years we have been exploring the work of Alma Thomas. We know that she worked as an expressionist painter and art educator and her work was loved by many. She was the first African American woman represented in the permanent collection of the White House! Alma mainly focussed on colour abstract painting and used acrylic paint on large canvases. We discussed her paintings and thought about what they looked like and explored the colours she used. We worked on the skills we needed to become an artist just like Alma, learning how to hold and control a paintbrush and how to create thicker and thinner lines. We had to remember to wash our brush in between colours.



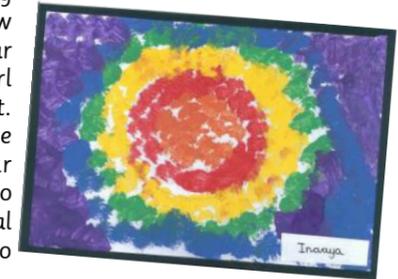
In year 4, we learned about Roberto Mamani, a well-known painter in Bolivia who began painting at the age of 4! Roberto Mamani uses lots of bright primary colours and shapes in his paintings, drawing on his heritage. His artwork includes colourful stylized images of indigenous themes using strong vibrant colours similar to the colours featured in the traditional handmade weavings that are widely used by the indigenous people of the Bolivian Altiplano. Inspired by Mamani, we worked on creating our own bright and colourful paintings.



Year 1 learnt about Beatriz Milhazes, a collage artist and painter who uses very colourful materials to create pictures. Beatriz is from Brazil and influenced by tropical flowers and plants near her home and also the carnivals and culture of Brazil. We looked closely at her beautiful artwork and noticed that it is always colourful and created using mostly circles and squares. Her work made us feel joyful, happy and excited. We practised our collage and printing skills before creating our own artwork, inspired by Beatriz Milhazes and we are really proud of the artwork we produced.



In Year 5, we looked at Dapo Adeola, who is an award winning illustrator. He likes to create black characters that show positivity and aspiration. We aimed to recreate a particular image in his award winning book, Look Up, where a little girl is imagining herself as Mae Jemison, the first black astronaut. As a class, we found out about black people who have achieved something great or had a positive impact on our world. We drew ourselves in the same cartoon style as Dapo Adeola looking up to a thought bubble of our aspirational person. I of choice. We used pencil crayon and oil pastels to create our artwork.



In year 2 we have looked at the work of Hurvin Anderson, a painter and photographer born in Birmingham in 1965. He takes his inspiration from childhood memories, history and his own special memories. We thought about some of our own special memories and used our sketch book to begin sketching and exploring different techniques to create our own images. We then used oil pastels to play around with colour and blending. Finally, we used water colours to create our paintings based on an important memory we had.



In year 6 we looked at the work of award winning Chris Ofili, a British born painter with Nigerian heritage. Much of Ofili's work is inspired by African culture, stereotypes, religion and identity and we focused on his portraits and the African influences reflected in his work. We selected tools for our own African inspired drawing and experimented with oil pastels, charcoal, chalk pens and watercolour paints to try and achieve a similar finish to that of Ofili. We practised our sketching and work with proportions and the finished products showed how much we had improved during the day.

