Specialist-Led Learning

Expert teaching, Richer Learning

Alongside their class teacher, children learn with specialist staff across our wider curriculum.



Ridwan – Computing



Developing digital communication and creation skills through iMedia - iCommunicate.



Jack – PE



Developing basketball skills including control, movement, passing and teamwork.



Dan – Music



Exploring songwriting with glockenspiels through rhythm, melody and performance.



Renata – Art



Exploring colour, shading, texture and painting inspired by Vincent van Gogh.



Olivier – French



Learning clothes and colours and beginning to build simple sentences in French.

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Learning Conversations at Home

You can support your child by talking with them about what they have been learning during the day or week. You do not need to know the answers — showing an interest, asking questions and encouraging them to explain their thinking helps them make connections and remember their learning.

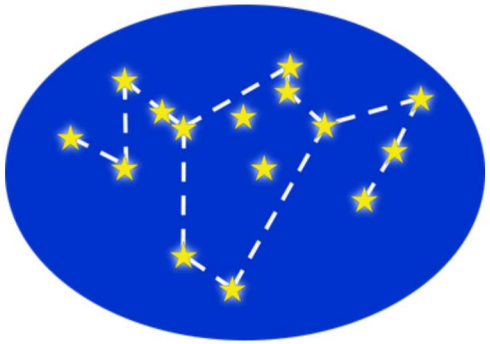
Questions you could ask:

- What did you learn today?
- What was the most interesting thing you found out?
- What new word did you learn?
- What did you find tricky?
- Can you teach me something you learned?
- What would you like to find out more about?

Key Vocabulary to Revisit

role model • significant • racism • equality • inspiring • vibration • pitch • volume

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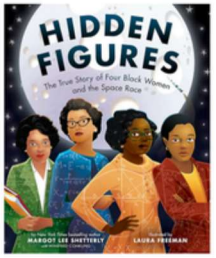
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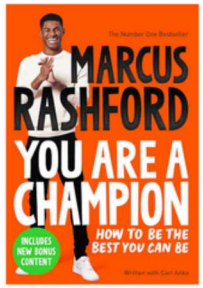
English

This half term, children will explore Hidden Figures, Young, Gifted and Black and The Rainmaker Danced. They will write a report about NASA, write in role as Katherine Johnson, create a biography of a significant person and explore performance poetry.

Reading







Reading is at the heart of our curriculum. Children enjoy regular story time and high-quality whole-class texts that also inspire their English writing. In daily reading lessons, they build **fluency**, **vocabulary** and **comprehension**, exploring a wide range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Through repeated reading, discussion and close attention to language, children develop the confidence to read with understanding and talk thoughtfully about what they have read.

History & Geography

Children will locate the USA and explore some of its human and physical features. Through learning about Michelle Obama and the Civil Rights Movement, they will use different historical sources and consider racism, equality and what makes someone a significant Black role model.

Journeying Through Black History

What does it mean to be a Black role model?

Maths

Children will strengthen their understanding of place value before moving on to addition and subtraction. They will work with increasingly large numbers and develop their confidence in choosing efficient methods and explaining their mathematical thinking.

Science

Children will investigate how sounds are made and how vibrations travel to our ears. They will explore pitch and volume, investigate how force affects vibrations and discover why sounds become fainter as we move further away from the source.

Personal Social Health Education

Children will learn about the rights all children have and why these are important. They will explore the difference between playful teasing and bullying, and understand that excluding or hurting someone because they are different is never acceptable.

Religious Education

Big Question: What makes Jesus an inspiring figure for Christians?

Children will explore Jesus' life, teachings and actions and consider why Christians continue to find him inspiring today. A church visit will support their learning.

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