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### Vicarage's very own published author



We are delighted to announce that our very own school librarian, Janet Noble, has become a published author!

Ms Noble will be leading assemblies on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November for children in Years 1-4. Janet will talk to the children about the ideas behind her first children's book, *You're a Pest, Betsy Thumbslurp!*

Your child will be able to purchase Ms Noble's book and have it dedicated and signed by her. The books will be sold at £5 each. You are welcome to join your child in the school library from 3:20pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November where you and your child will be able to purchase copies of her book and have them signed by Vicarage's very own librarian/author!

### WW1 Centenary Celebration Day - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November

As part of our WW1 centenary celebrations this term, we would like to invite children and staff to dress up as if they were living in 1918, on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**. During assemblies, children will be reading poems they have written and will have a special themed school lunch.

Please see below for ideas of what they could wear. Often, children had nametags to identify them if they were an evacuee and they carried boxes, which contained essential items such as gas masks.

This will be an exciting opportunity to bring our school topic of 'Living History' alive! Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding this matter.



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### Pupil Achievement



A huge well done to Shabab Syed in 6B for his mastery of numbers, which involves being able to recall all the square and cube numbers up to 20, knowing by heart all the prime numbers up to 100 and being able to convert decimal to fractions to percentages. Shabab has achieved the coveted Platinum badge.

### Year 2 Workshop

Last term, Year 2 pupils had a very exciting time learning all about Florence Nightingale, how she helped change hospitals and what impact that has had on our lives today. They also explored how life has changed since Florence Nightingales time. Here are some pictures from Year 2's workshop where they met a character acting the role of Florence Nightingale and talking about how she helped people who were poorly or injured.



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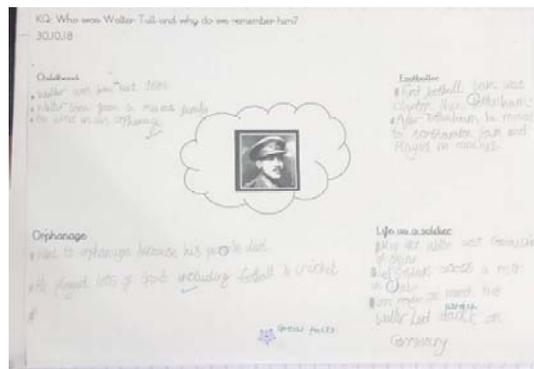
### Black History Month

During Black History Month this year, children have been learning through their themed units 'Rights and Responsibilities' and 'Living History'. This has helped them apply their learning through many different subjects, from Art to Literacy, Geography to History. They have been exploring different significant figures from the past, such as Mae Jemison, Mary Seacole, Barak Obama and Walter Tull. The children have enjoyed learning about Black History through a variety of activities.

Year 1 have been linking their learning about significant individuals and learning about Mae Carol Jemison, the first black astronaut in space.

Year 2 have been linking their learning on people who changed our lives today. They have learnt about Florence Nightingale but also Mary Seacole and her impact on our lives today.

Year 3 have been learning about Walter Tull and the Battle of the Somme during Literacy lessons.



Year 4 enjoyed writing speeches in the style of Martin Luther King and Barak Obama. They have also created quilt patterns as they learnt about the Underground Railroad.

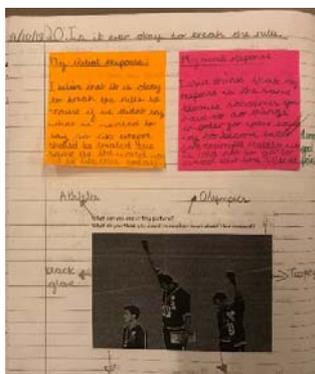


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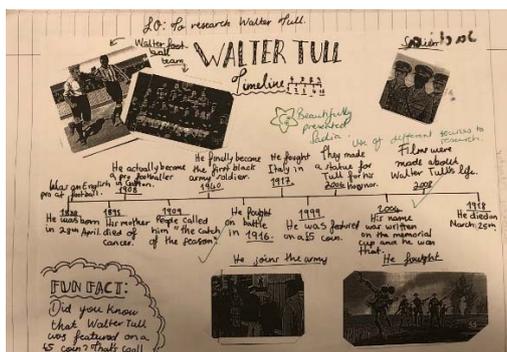
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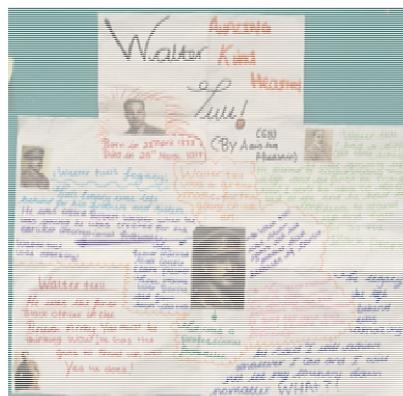
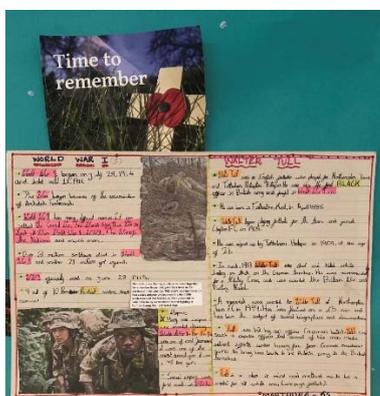
Year 5 have been using their Philosophy for children lessons to discuss rights and responsibilities through their topic.



Year 6 have been studying the life of Walter Tull during their Literacy lessons. Walter Tull was one of the first black footballers and army officers during WW1. He was killed in action in France 1918.



There has been a very high standard of homework brought in by the children celebrating our WW1 centenary and Black History Month.



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Here are some pictures of Year 5 during their African drumming workshop where they explored how the drums are used in different ways and the history behind them.



Year 5 also learned about the Ancient Greeks. Here are some pictures of their immersive Ancient Greek workshop.



### Virtual Reality Expedition

This term pupils from Year 3 to Year 6 have participated in a Virtual Reality (VR) Expedition. VR is a form of technology that allows pupils to become fully immersed in their surroundings. It is a great way to engage pupils into a topic, consolidate what they have learnt and develop their understanding. Year 3 visited their Stone Age ancestors by visiting a digital reconstruction of a Stone Age settlement; learnt about how they survived by working together, hunting together and building small villages. Year 4's were intrigued to see one of Rome's greatest architectural feats, the Colosseum. They learnt about why the Colosseum was built, what it was used for and why it attracts over 4 million visitors every year! Year 5 blasted off into space during a topic on the Solar System while Year 6 jumped into the human body for the afternoon to experience how the circulatory system works and what cells look like under a microscope. Zahra from Year 5 expressed, "It is really exciting to look through the glasses and go into a new world. I learnt so many facts about how far other planets are and how big they are." Aster in Year 4 explained, "It was exciting and fun and I'd recommend it to everyone!" If you have access to a phone and a VR headset at home, you can download Google Expeditions for free and explore a multitude of worlds!



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### Health and Safety update



We have a number of pupils with severe nut allergies. The school dinners we provide are always checked beforehand to ensure they are nut free. However, we do find that children who bring in a packed lunch sometimes bring in food items with nuts in them. We request all parents of children who have packed lunch and those who send in sweets as a birthday treat for the class, to check and make sure that there are no nuts in any of the ingredients.

### Attendance and Punctuality Reminder

Can we remind parents and carers that:

All children are expected to attend school regularly and on time. We ask you to ensure your child is in school at **8:45am**, as this is the time children are able to gain entry to class. This gives them time to hang up their coat and say hello to their friends and be ready to start learning from the start of the school day, which is **8:55am**. If your child arrives just 5 minutes late each day, they will be missing nearly 16 hours education over the course of a school year. Children arriving late miss important information at the start of the lesson. They are often embarrassed by continual lateness and this can affect their self-esteem. Our school gates are locked promptly at **9:00am**. Children arriving after this time must report to the school office to get their registration mark. You will be asked to provide a reason for your child's lateness.

Please consider carefully if your child needs to take a day off school. Missing areas of the curriculum will leave gaps in their education which has a negative impact on progress and attainment.

- Make arrangements for travel during school holiday times.
- Where possible, medical appointments should be outside of school hours. You must provide medical evidence to cover such appointments.
- Please contact us if your child is absent.

Children who are persistently late to school or persistently collected late can become a safeguarding concern which may result in a referral to the Local Authority Social Care team.

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## Dates for your Diary



Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November - SEND Parents Coffee Morning - Session 1 at 9.00am

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Parents Coffee Morning at 9.15am-10.00am

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November - SEND Parents Coffee Morning - Session 2 at 9.00am

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Last week of after school clubs

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Last day of Term 2

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Christmas break

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January - Back to school for all pupils - Term 3



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