

Art and Culture Week 2020

Black History is celebrated in October in the United Kingdom and it began as a way of remembering important people and events in Black history. It was first celebrated in the United Kingdom in 1987.

We have chosen to combine our Art and Culture Week with Black History Month to learn about significant individuals from Black History. The children have learnt about a variety of individuals and their impact on the world and have produced writing and art inspired by their stories.

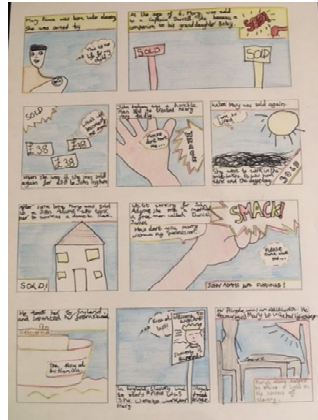
Year 2 learnt about Rosa Parks and Montgomery Bus Boycott. They were impressed by her resilience and bravery standing up for what she thought was right. After writing letters to Rosa Parks Year 2 looked at the silhouette art of Kara Walker. This inspired Year 2 to create silhouettes based around the main events of Rosa Parks' story.



Year 4 learnt about Mary Seacole and her impact on nursing in the Crimean War. They couldn't believe the struggles that she went through and how much she helped everyone. After realising that she had been forgotten about until recently Year 4 were outraged! After writing a non-chronological report about Mary Seacole they were inspired by Jacob Lawrence and pop art to create images of Mary Seacole.



Year 5 learnt about Mary Prince and her impact on the anti-slavery movement. The children were appalled by the hardship that she faced and were angered by the mistreatment she endured at the hands of her slave owners. Many were inspired by her resilience and were surprised that her story was not better known. The children produced a comic strip chronicling her life in the style of Blank Panther comics.



Year 5 learnt about President Barack Obama and his impact on American Presidential history. The children compared Obama's presidency to that of other prominent president's and composed a persuasive piece of writing detailing why Obama should run for President again. After that, the children produced portraits of Obama in the style of Kehinde Wiley.



*Please be advised that unfortunately Year 1 and Year 3 were not present in school for this theme week due to bubble closure as a consequence of COVID-19. We can't wait to carry out this event again next year and we hope all year groups will be present in school for this.