

Year 6 – Maafa

Maafa is a history project where your child will learn about Africa today and the ancient kingdoms that thrived on the continent for thousands of years. They will learn about the origins of the transatlantic slave trade in the 15th century and Britain's involvement from the time of Elizabeth I, when John Hawkins became the first British slave trader. Your child will understand the structure of the transatlantic slave trade and the consequences of enslavement for enslaved people. They will also discover how the people of Britain benefited from the money and goods produced by the slave trade. They will learn about the causes and consequences of the abolition of slavery in the 19th century, the worldwide African diaspora and the European colonisation in Africa. They will explore the lives and actions of black people in 20th century Britain. They will understand how the Race Relations Act of 1965 became the first piece of British legislation to tackle racial discrimination and know that the Equality Act 2010 provides people with protection against racism and other forms of discrimination, today. Your child will also explore the lives of black people who have made significant contributions to Britain and will celebrate black culture in Britain today.



Other areas of the curriculum:

English	Biographies based on 'Fantastically Great Women', persuasive writing inspired by Martin Luther King's 'I Have A Dream' speech, fiction writing inspired by the class novel.
Maths	Place value in large and small numbers (including decimals), the four operations
Science	The circulatory system
RE	We will be studying the following two key questions: How can following God bring freedom and justice? What would Jesus do?
Geography	Our Changing World Africa – countries, land use, natural resources, location, settlements, population, climate and physical features
History	Maafa (as above)
Art	Self portraits and Banksy artist study
DT	Food for life
Computing	Communication and sensing
PSHE	'Being Me in my World' and 'Celebrating Difference'
Music	A unit of work based on the song 'Happy'
MFL	'My Home' and 'Towns and Cities'
PE	Autumn 1: Fitness and Badminton Autumn 2: Dance and Boxercise