

Weekly Newsletter

27th October 2023



Autumn in Reception

In Reception, we have been exploring autumn. We looked for autumn treasure with our families to share in class. We read a nonfiction book about Autumn and we talked about the features of a nonfiction book including contents page, glossary and index.

“In autumn, the leaves fall down, and they change colour to red, brown and orange” Charlie.

“In the book, we looked at pumpkins by checking the contents page and going to page 16” Delyla.

“The pumpkin is heavy and big. It grows in the ground” Toby.

“There are lots of celebrations in autumn!” Taylor



Year 6 - Lucian Freud

In Year 6, we are studying the artist Lucian Freud. Lucian Freud is an artist who was famous for his realistic portraits and self-portraits. We used our observation skills to create our own self-portraits and then practiced different techniques of adding shade and tone to add depth and detail to our work, making them as realistic as possible. Can you guess which of the Year 6 children are drawn here?



Dear children and families,

We hope all the children have enjoyed the first half term of 2023-24 and are looking forward to the half term break. We have lots planned for next half term so please see the separate letter sent home, on the letters tab of our website and on the calendar on our school website.

Congratulations to all the children who achieved 100% attendance this half term and were rewarded with a chocolate bar or pack of sweets of their choice. All the children were entered into the 100% raffle to win £50 Odeon cinema tickets. Congratulations to Alex D and Muhammad K who were this half term's winners. Don't forget that we run our 100% prize draw every half term alongside lots of other prizes and incentives throughout the year. Every day you attend school maximises your chance of winning multiple prizes.

We are looking forward to welcoming you back on Monday 6th November.

Kind regards,
Mrs Robinson, Headteacher.

Visit us on our website and on Twitter

WWW.FOUROAKSPRIMARY.CO.UK

@FOUROAKSPRIM



Black History Month 2023

Theme: Saluting our sisters



During October, every class at Four Oaks Primary School dedicated their lesson time to celebrating Black History Month. This year's theme was 'Saluting our sisters'. Our main task was to learn about significant black women and to celebrate their exceptional achievements. In KS1 and KS2, we learned about Mary Seacole, Rosa Parks, Serena Willimas, Maya Angelou, Oprah Winfrey and Harriet Tubman. Our Nursery children enjoyed discussing and listening to the story 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin. In Reception, the children enjoyed sharing the story 'Ablaze with Colour: A Story of Painter Alma Thomas', an African American artist and teacher who lived and worked in Washington, D.C. and is now recognised as a major American painter of the 20th century. We also reminded each other that there is no room for racism in our lives and that we will continue to be kind to everybody all the time - regardless of our backgrounds. We have also been listening to and enjoying some songs from our special playlist. By the end of this month, we will have discovered 30 influential black musicians with this listening calendar:

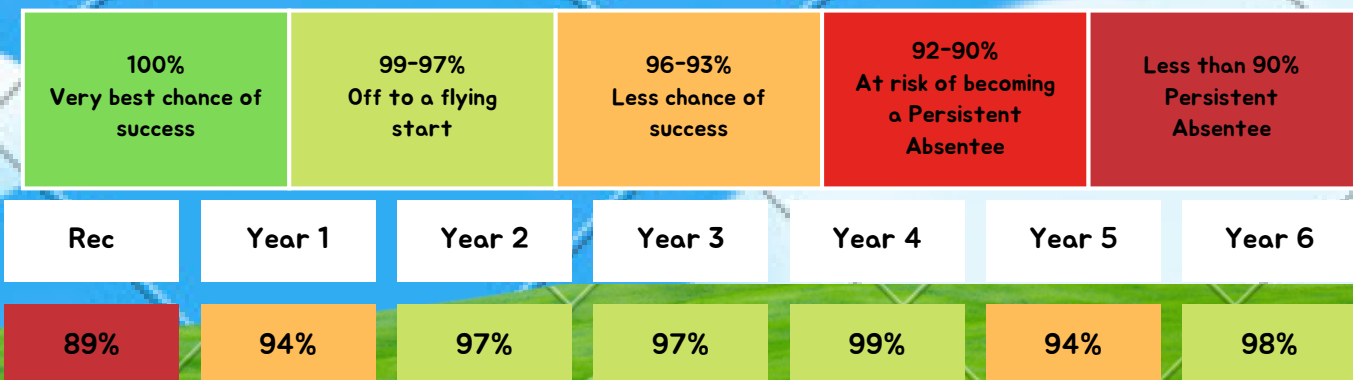


MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Isn't She Lovely Stevie Wonder	Halo Beyonce	Praise You Mary Mary	Stand By Me Ben E King	All Of Me John Legend
My Girl The Temptations	Feeling Good Nina Simone	Put Your Record On Corinne Bailey- Rae	I Wanna Dance with Somebody Whitney Houston	Three Little Birds Bob Marley
Happy Pharrell Williams	Survivor Destiny's Child	Dream a Little dream of Me Ella Fitzgerald	Respect Aretha Franklin	Proud Mary Tina Turner
Lovely Day Bill Withers	Umbrella Rihanna	No One Alicia Keys	Waterfalls TLC	I will Survive Gloria Gaynor

As always, every year group contributed their work to our whole school Black History Month 2023 display. Wow! Amazing work, everybody! Thank you very much! 😊



Absence: It is your responsibility to phone the school office by 9am each day your child is absent. Please leave a voicemail if there is no answer. TERM TIME HOLIDAYS WILL RESULT IN FINES.



The school target for this academic year is 97%

Well done to years 2, 3, 4 and 6!!

