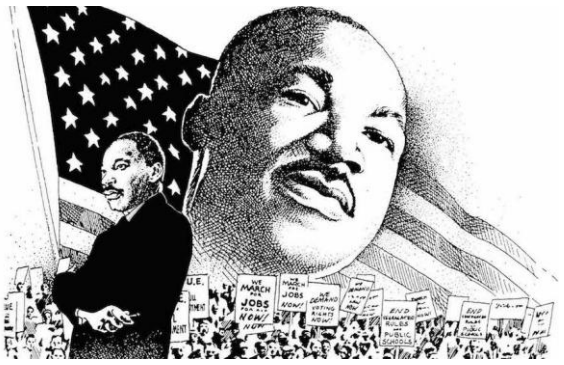
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English

In English we will be reading `Journey to Joburg' by Beverley Naidoo which is set in South Africa during Apartheid. It follows the story of two siblings trying to get help for their baby sister . We will think about the dilemmas of characters and how they feel in certain situations. We will learn to pick out evidence from the text and recognize figurative language that is used to develop setting descriptions. We will also look at the features of diary entries and write our own in role as a character from the book.
We will also plan, write and deliver speeches about our dreams for change in the world.

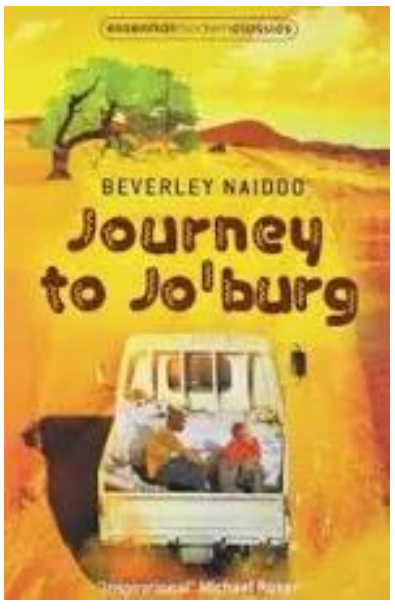


Topic Overview

"I Have a Dream..." is a thematic unit, based on issues of discrimination, particularly apartheid and anti-semitism, with a key subject focus on history. Pupils will learn about the factors that contribute towards discrimination and why different groups have been stereotyped and, as a result, persecuted.

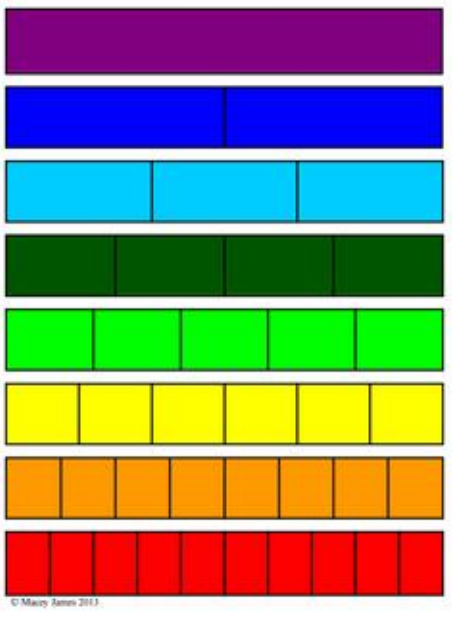
Maths

Children will build a deep understanding of fraction values by learning how to find equivalent fractions, simplify them, and confidently convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers.
They will also learn how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions, using visual tools like bar models to make sense of the math. They will progress from mastering calculations with common denominators to different denominators and multi-step reasoning problems.
We will also revisit written multiplication and division as well as efficient metal methods .



PE

This term, Swingfield are happy that Sarah from GW Health & Fitness, will be teaching us dance again every Monday. On Friday our PE will be hockey. Please ensure earrings are removed on PE days. Thank you.



Music

In music we will continue to learn how to read music and play the recorder. The children have done so well so far, I am really impressed! So, we will soon be moving on to G and expanding our repertoire of music to include some Christmas classics. We look forward to show casing our talent! We will also learn about some south African folk music and music inspired by oppression.



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RE

In this unit we will investigate the questions: Was Jesus the Messiah? children will explore the central Christian belief that Jesus is God incarnate who came to rescue humanity. The children will look back at Old Testament prophecies and compare the Jewish expectation of a political leader with the Christian belief that Jesus fulfilled these promises in a spiritual way through his life, death, and resurrection. Throughout the unit, they will evaluate different viewpoints, look closely at Gospel evidence, and consider how this belief shapes the way Christians celebrate Christmas today.

PSHE

In our PSHE lessons, pupils will learn how they are similar to, and different from, those around them, both at school and in the wider world. They will begin to learn about prejudice, how it can affect others, and how we can all help. A key focus of this work is helping pupils celebrate their differences. Recognising that everyone is unique helps us build a school where everyone feels valued and respected.



Art

We will work on sketching skills and sketch animals from the different animal categories. We will then use these sketches to design and make our own wire sculptures inspired by different animal species. We will also create artwork on the theme of `I have a Dream' and create a portrait of Martin Luther King using crosshatching.



Science

Pupils will know the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. They will recognise that living things produce offspring and will be able to describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. They will also classify plants and animals based on specific characteristics and describe how living things are classified into broad groups. They will also investigate how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.

History

To learn the definition of apartheid and become familiar with Nelson Mandela's role in the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa. We will know about the Jim Crow Laws and how they affected black people in the USA and we will find out about Martin Luther King and the impact he had on society. In addition we will try to understand other forms of discrimination through history e.g. anti-Semitism.

