

Dear Year 5,

This will be the final postcard like this as, from next week, you will get your updates on SeeSaw, along with the work that will be posted there as well.

Recently, there has been a lot in the news about 'Black Lives Matter', which has been in response to the killing of a black man, George Floyd, in America. It has led to protests all over the world, including Newcastle. It was a terrible event, which has caused a lot of anger, but has also raised more awareness about the racial inequities there are in the world. We know that some of you have been really affected by this and have wanted to do something about it. Standing up for what you believe in is a brilliant and, at times, brave thing to do. Is there anything you feel strongly enough to actively change? It could be racial injustice; it could be another cause close to your heart. What do you think you could do that would help to make a difference or a change?

One of the things we were going to look at this half term, which addresses racial inequality, was the anti-apartheid revolution, with a particular focus on Nelson Mandela. Our book would have been the child-friendly version of 'Long Walk to Freedom', a Nelson Mandela biography. It would be great if you could research the life of Nelson Mandela, why he is so well-known, and discuss what you have found out with your family. Discuss how you feel about what you have found out. How would you have felt if you had been Nelson Mandela? Do you think he was right to do what he did? Do you agree with the way he was treated? Have things changed? Why/why not?

There are many other key figures and events that have played their part in racial equality, who you may also want to research: Martin Luther King Jr and Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott are two that are American-related, however there was the Bristol Bus Boycott in the UK too. Can you find out about any other events or people from Britain that have had an impact in this area? If you want to find out about Martin Luther King Jr, there is a great history lesson on BBC iPlayer given by journalist, Martin Bashir:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000k6hc/celebrity-supply-teacher-series-1-2-martin-bashir-history?xtor=ES-211-32817_PANUK_SOT_23_SNO_SendASTfo7Opens_RET-20200610-icbbc_celebritysupplyteachermartinbashirhistory_education

On a different note...

You will have seen an outline of the Macbeth story attached to last week's postcard email, but if you haven't, it will still be accessible. Have a read through and have a really good think about whether you think you would like to get involved and audition for a part. Most of you will have seen previous year groups perform in assemblies and hopefully that will inspire you to have a go! Unfortunately, there are limited spaces so you aren't guaranteed a part, but even the audition process can be good fun and character building.

Because of everything that is going on at the moment, it will be slightly different this year, but we are still very excited about the Shakespeare Festival and performing one of his best-known plays.

Participating can help really develop your confidence and establish new friendships too, and we will work on all sorts of drama skills and play lots of games while we are at it..

We hope you are all still coping ok,
Mr Rimmer, Mr Mansfield and Miss Jordan 🌈



All Year 5 children

All over Newcastle upon Tyne

Tyne and Wear

England

United Kingdom