

Weekly Newsletter - 21/10/22

Dear Parents,

I am sure that by now you know just how very proud I am to be the Head Teacher of this wonderful school, but this week just proved what I have always known. Ofsted were super impressed with your children and the awesome staff we have here at Star Primary. Thank you to everyone who got involved in supporting the school. 93% of parents who filled out the survey would recommend this school to another parent!!!

We will send a letter to parents when we receive this from Ofsted, which will be sometime towards the end of November.

I need to remind all parents and adults that under no circumstances must you ever approach a child in the playground to question them about incidents which happen in school. This is completely unacceptable and can cause distress to a child. This could also lead to parents getting banned from the premises.

We ended our half term with some very powerful speech making about Black History figures from the past. It was a very emotional way to end the term so thank you to all the children that worked so hard.

Have a lovely and very well deserved half term holiday.

Best wishes,
Ms Von



World Space Week Competition - out of this world!!

We hope all our families who made it to parents evening saw the phenomenal display of space projects! The science ambassadors created an 'out of this world' exhibition in the hall. In fact, we had so many entries that we have also displayed them throughout the library as well! The wonderful winners will be announced after half term! Thanks again for your time and effort and we hope you enjoyed completing the projects as a family! (You'll be pleased to know we have two half term projects that you can complete next week too!)



Half Term Homeworks.

Please look at the next few slides for two wonderful and challenging projects that we would love you and your family to get involved in. We have given you lots of great examples to inspire you as well as all the skills needed to complete the tasks!

Good luck. **Our Star Families really are tenanted at craft, research, art and Design!**



We return to school on **Monday 31st October**. We will be started our **Media Mayhem** theme, exploring technology, learning news computing skills as well as deepening our knowledge around keeping safe online.

We will also be celebrating the festive season with you, through performances, activities and a fantastic **Star winter festival!**





Queen Memorial Competition

In remembrance of our late Queen, Elizabeth II, we would like to honour her memory through art.

Your task is to create a portrait of the Queen

Your challenge this half term is to create a portrait of the Queen to honour her memory. You can use any materials or media to create your design.

Suggested techniques

In Art lessons at Star, pupils become masters at many different techniques. Children can draw, paint, print, collage or use a computer or tablet to complete a design.

You may even want to make a sculpture!

Could you even include a timeline or dates in your work?

Begin by choosing an image from her past to recreate in your preferred style.

*Bring in your entries into school **Monday 31st October.***





What skills do you need to be successful?

Skill - Shape, let's remind ourselves of the proportions used in portrait. Remember the eyes are actually halfway down the head!

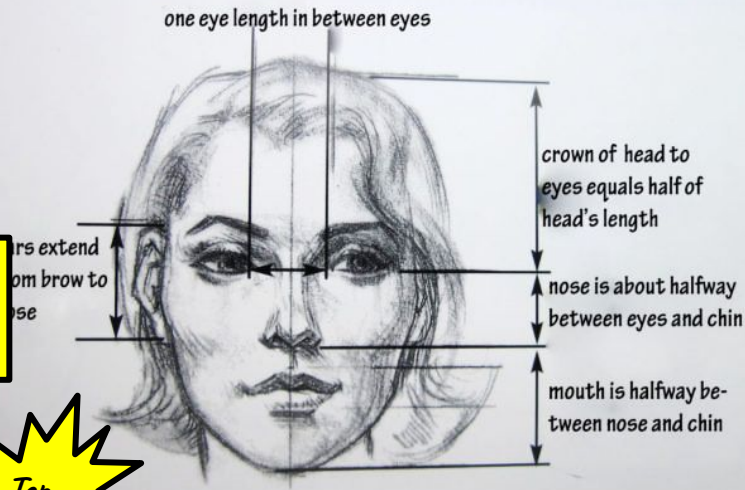
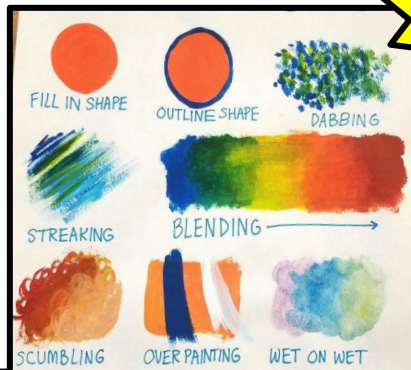
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Tip!

Skill - line, whatever media you are using create your portrait lightly first in pencil to use as a guide.

Skill - Space, Think carefully about your background and foreground details will you include. Remember create your background first so your portrait stands out!

Skill - Colour, remember all the paint techniques you've learnt.

Keep your brush clean between colour changes with fresh water and wait for areas to dry to add extra details later on.



Top
Tip!

Skill - form, whatever media you are using make sure to add tone and shade to your work to give it extra life! This might be done by adding more or less water to paint, or smudging using chalks.

Remember all your digital art skills
You've learnt with apps like paintzapp.





Black History Month - Home Learning Project

Task:

People from African and Caribbean backgrounds have been a fundamental part of British history for centuries. Black History Month is the perfect time to celebrate their achievements and successes!

Your task is to create a project based on the life of one influential person from black history that you have not studied at school. There are suggestions on the right but you are welcome to choose your own. Your project could include: a painting, drawing, fact file diorama or poem – use your imagination!



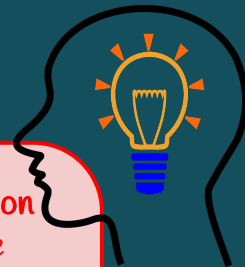
Influential people in black history:

- Maya Angelou
- Barack Obama
- Michael Jordan
- Marcus Rashford
- Oprah Winfrey
- Usain Bolt
- Toni Morrison
- Lupita Nyong'o
- Stormzy
- Trevor McDonald
- Nicola Adams

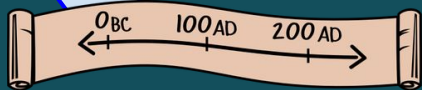




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Can you use your **chronological skills** to create a timeline of key events in an influential person's life? Could you make a 3D timeline? Or a collage? Perhaps some tapestry?



Can you use your **enquiry skills** to ask questions and find out about someone's life? Can you get into character and write a diary entry? Or create a comic strip?



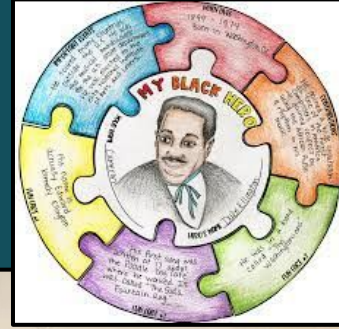
Can you use your **interpretation skills** to research and examine different sources of evidence to reach your own conclusions about a person/event? Can you use a thinking frame (2D or 3D) to represent this? Or maybe a digital presentation?

Can you use your **knowledge and understanding of people, events and changes throughout history** to create a piece of artwork? Think about the different materials you could use to bring your creation to life!



Can you use your **organisation and communication skills** to present your new knowledge about your influential person? What about a digibook or even a piece of artwork?





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