

*"Diversity is the one true thing  
we all have in common...  
Celebrate it every day."*

Winston Churchill



# Celebrating Our Cultures

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# Our School

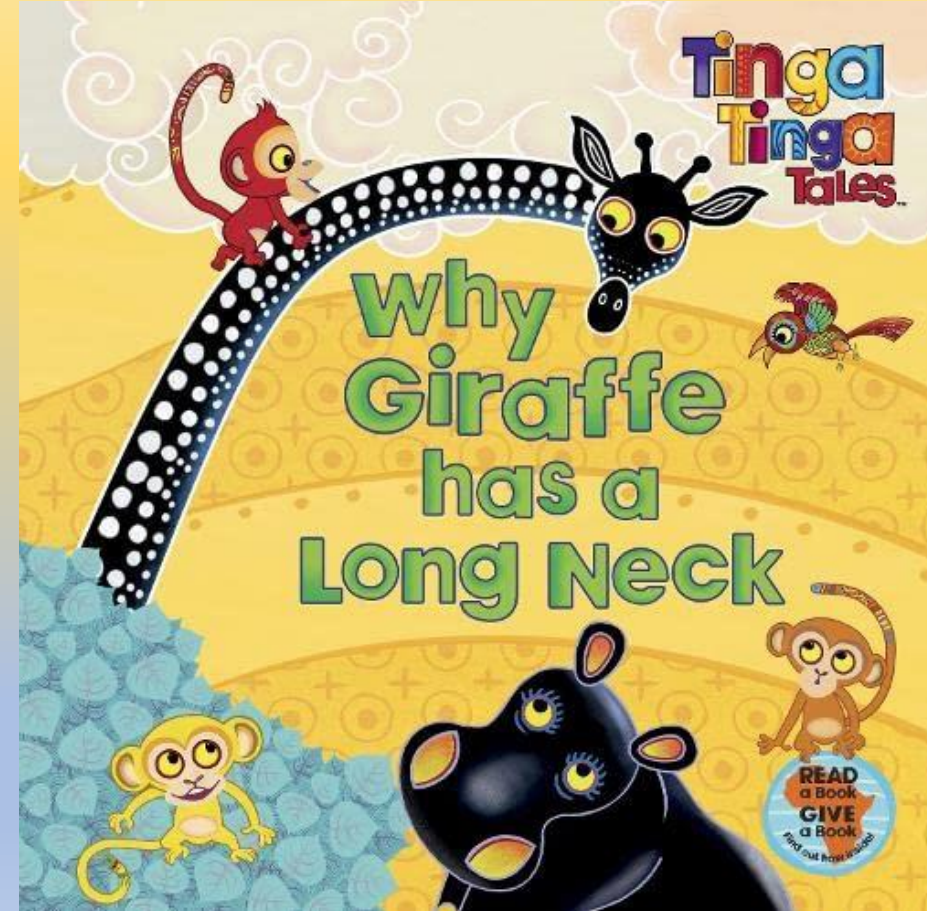
At Stowlawn Primary out of 359 children, 126 of you speak English as an additional language.

- How amazing is that?!
- We have children and their families who have come to England having lived in many countries around the world including Italy, India, Pakistan, Romania, Albania, Belgium, Nigeria, Lithuania, Iran, Poland, Latvia, Ghana, Hong Kong and many more.



# Nursery Learnt about Africa

In Nursery, to celebrate 'Culture Week'. Nursery have been learning about the magnificent continent Africa and the different safari animals that can be found there. We have been reading a 'Tinga, Tinga Tale' called, 'Why Giraffe has a Long Neck'. Let's take a look at our learning.





# Our Amazing Art!



During our Art lessons, we have been creating replicas of giraffes using different materials.



We created giraffes using paper plates and plasticine. Then, we tasted honey made in Africa in forest school and learnt how to move like different safari animals in a Jungle Boogie dance. It was so much fun!



# The Arctic



## Reception - Ash

We learnt that the Inuit people wear very warm clothes made from animal fur.

This week we have been learning about the Arctic. We learnt about the different animals and people who live in the Arctic.

“They got igloos made from snow”  
- Jaxon

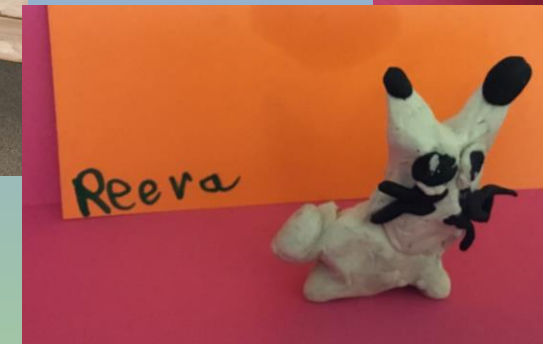
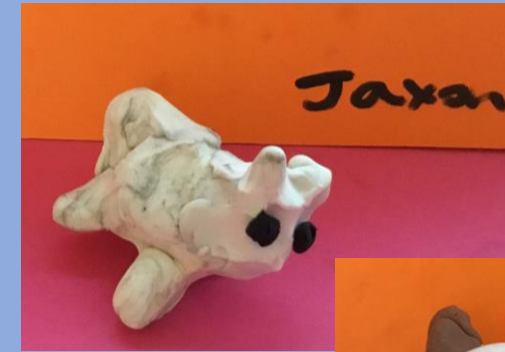
“They got the animal fur and its warm. Its cold in the Arctic”  
- Zion

“They don’t eat the Penguins”  
- Irina

“I like bacon. No bacon in the Arctic cause there are no pigs. It’s too cold for the pigs”  
- Connor



We learnt that polar bears, seals, caribou, and huskys live in the Arctic. We created our own class backdrop of the Arctic using an enormous box, paints and sponges and pretended to be one of the Arctic animals. We even had a go at taking pictures of each other.



We then had a go at sketching the animals we had created from plasticine.



# Reception Beech

We learnt that people in the Arctic are called Inuit.

We were exploring what life was like in the Arctic. We created our very own Arctic backdrop so we could imagine we were there.

“They need to wear fluffy clothes”




“They eat meat, seals meat and fish”





In contrast to this we read a Tinga Tinga tale set in Africa

“It is super super hot”



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SL - Who does need blubber?

Payton - "the walrus"

“Zebras don't need blubber”  
“Walrus need blubber”

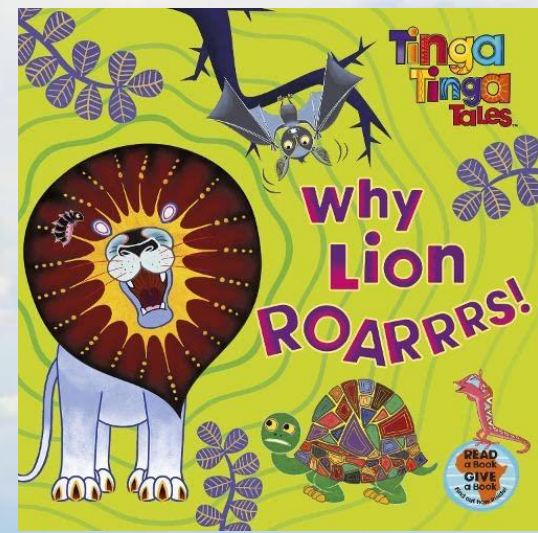
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“The people don't have shoes”



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“The people got no shoes”



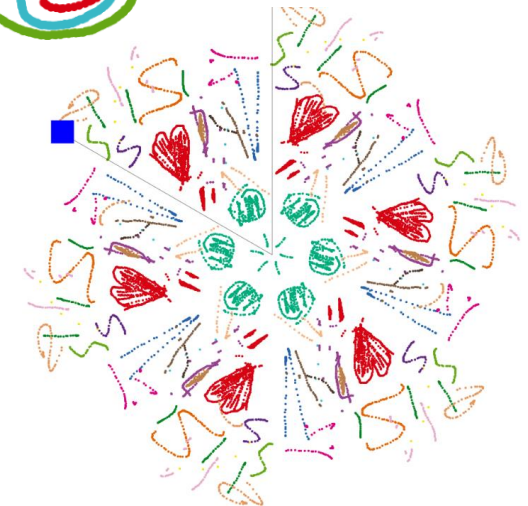
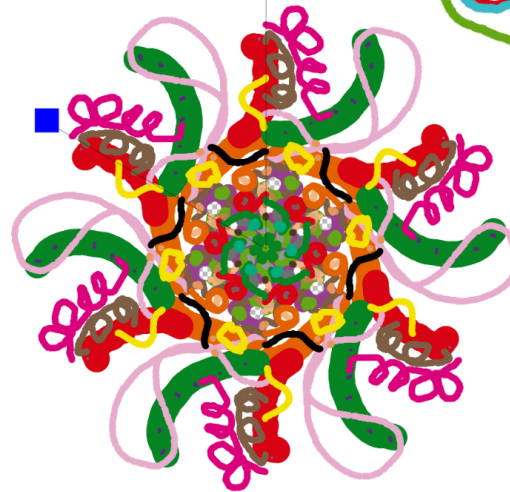
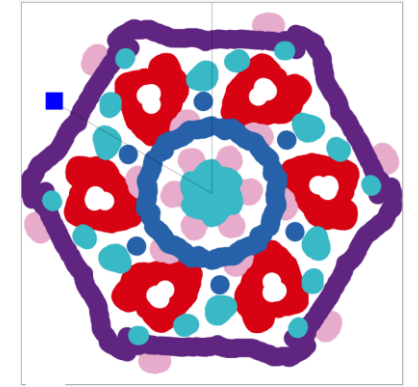
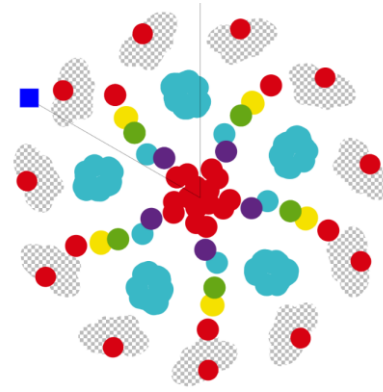
“Their clothes are thin”





## Year 1 Rowan

We had lots of fun learning about Rangoli patterns and how they are used in the Sikh and Hindu religion to bring good luck. We made our own on computers and with collage.

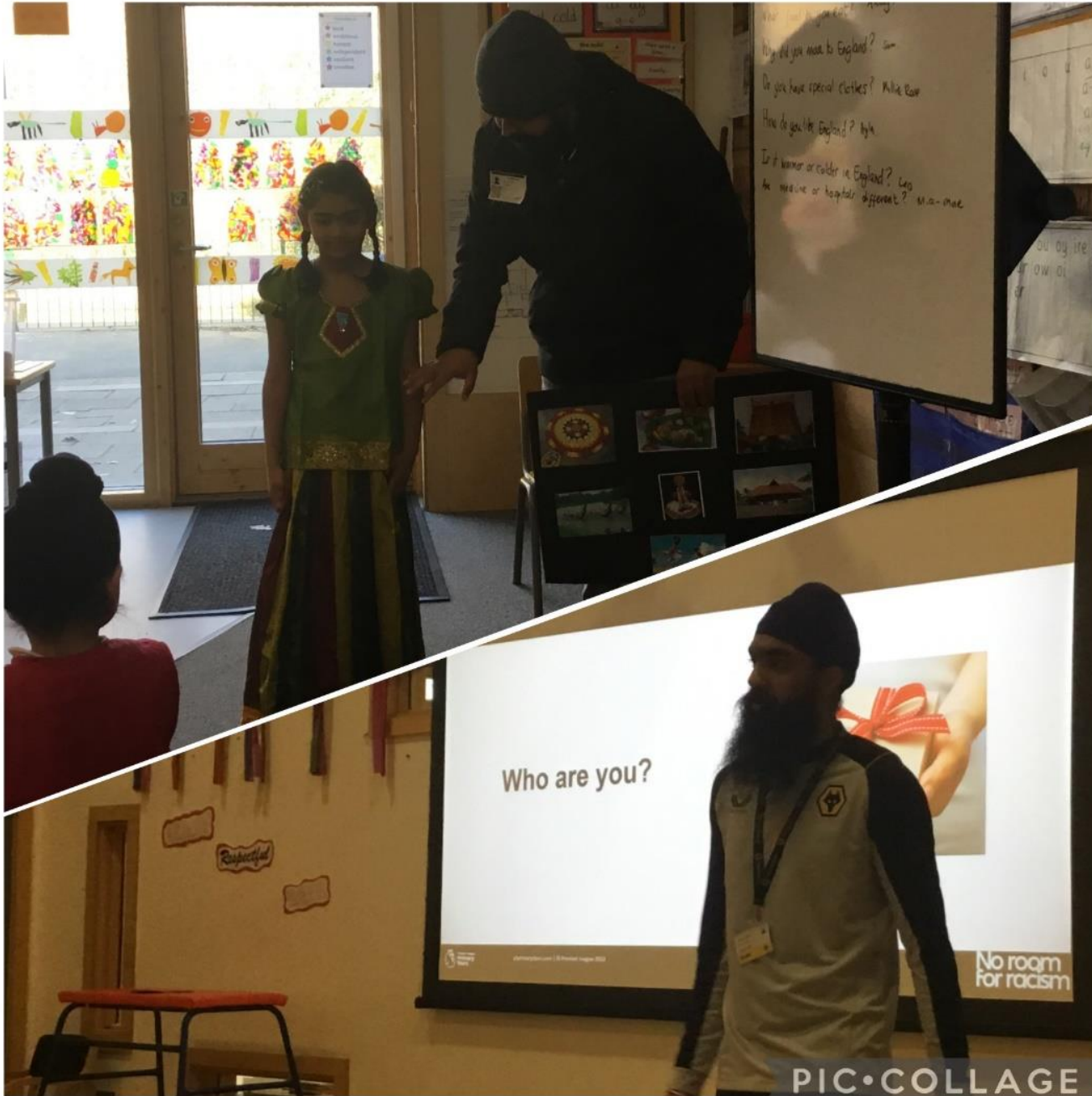






We learnt about a famous piece of Art called Surprised by Henri Rousseau. Here we are making our version of the painting.





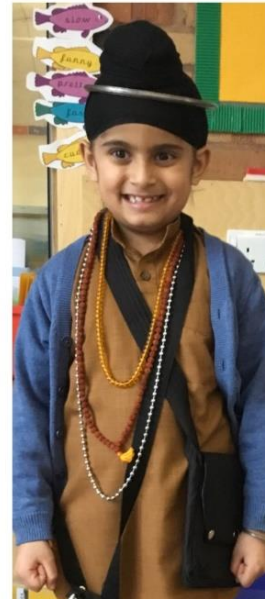
Kerala



Norah and her family told us about life in Kerala India and how her family had moved to England. We asked lots of questions about what it was like to live in a different country and how it compared to life in England. Norah showed us her beautiful costume.

The Wolves Foundation came to talk to us about Racism and how it is important to be kind to people whoever they are and wherever they are from.





PIC•COLLAGE

We have had an amazing time this week celebrating culture at Stowlawn. We have learnt so much about each other's lives, heritage, customs, faiths, languages and talents. We loved seeing some special costumes and dances.



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# CULTURE WEEK

YEAR 2





# OUR CULTURE IN YEAR 2

We have loved to see our year 2 students showing us their cultural heritage. A big thank you to all the parents and carers for allowing the children to share this with everyone here at Stowlawn.





Modern Igbo traditional attire is generally made up, for men, of the Isiagu top, which resembles the African Dashiki. Isiagu (or Ishi agu) is usually patterned with lions heads embroidered over the clothing. It can also be plain, (usually black). It is worn with trousers and can be worn with either a traditional title holders hat (a fez named okpu agu or agwu) or with the traditional Igbo stripped men's hat (which resembles the Bobble hat).

# ONYI - YEAR 2



The Igbo people's most important crop is the yam, which is why the New Yam Festival (Iri Ji) celebrates the harvest of new yams. The yam is also a significant part of a traditional diet and is prepared as pounded yam, eaten with different soups or eaten immediately after being boiled. Igbos are well known for their variety of soups made from locally grown vegetables, fruits and seeds. The most popular Igbo soups are ha, nsala, akwu, okazi and ofe owerri.







# LOOK AT ALL OUR ART!

This week we have been looking at the skill of printing in art. The children have recreated The Great Barrier Reef and this is their final piece of art. We used a range of different tools to create our background and decorate our sea creatures.





Year 3 sampled lots of different fruits from Africa including grapefruit, mango, dates, plantain papaya and figs.







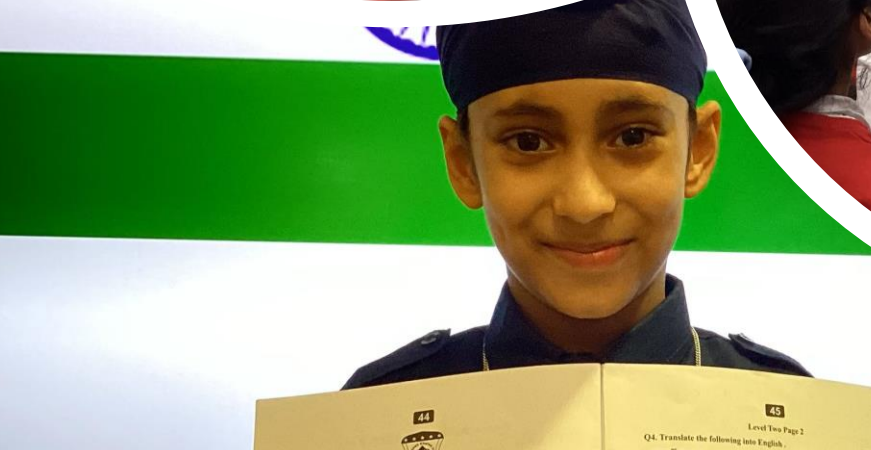
We created wonderful African art using the colours from similar artwork, including silhouettes and tribal patterns.



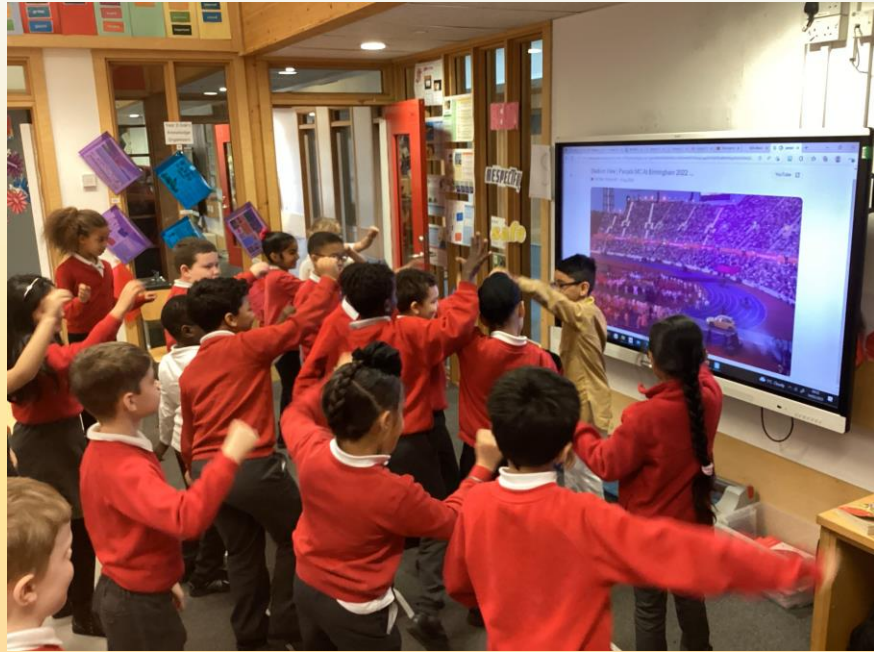
Annija even shared a Latvian story and asked us to guess some words in Latvian.



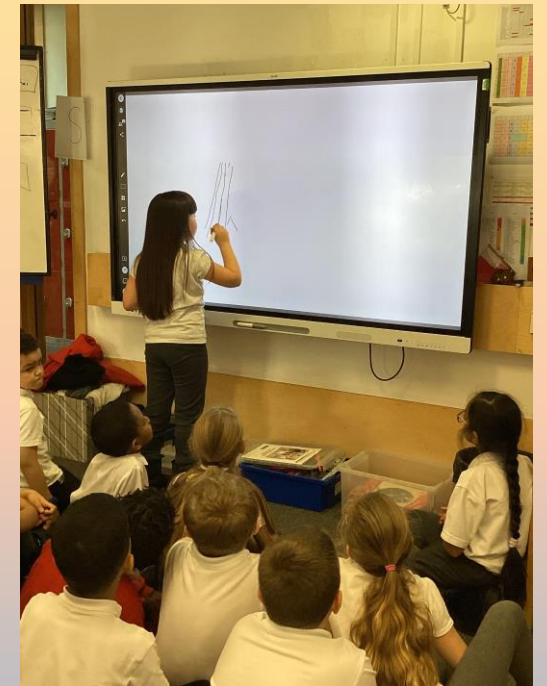








The children in Year 3 Oak shared experiences from their cultures.  
Avijot lead a wonderful Punjabi dance for the class and Millie showed us how to write in Japanese!  
Clifton spoke to us in his home language.







Year 4 - We did a Kahoot Quiz based on countries and cultures around the world. In Art, we painted with with spices – they made a lovely texture.

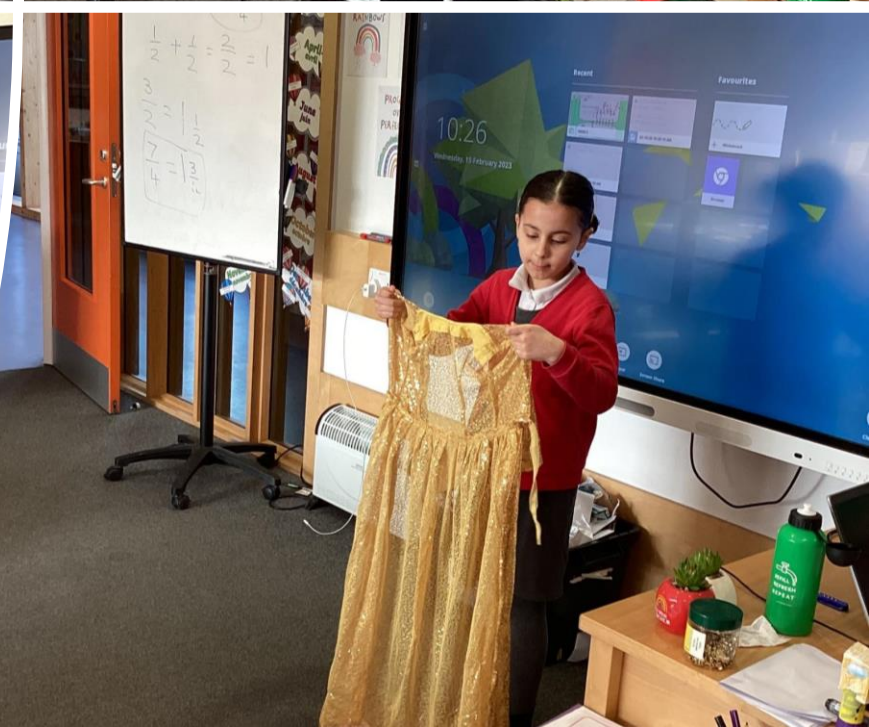
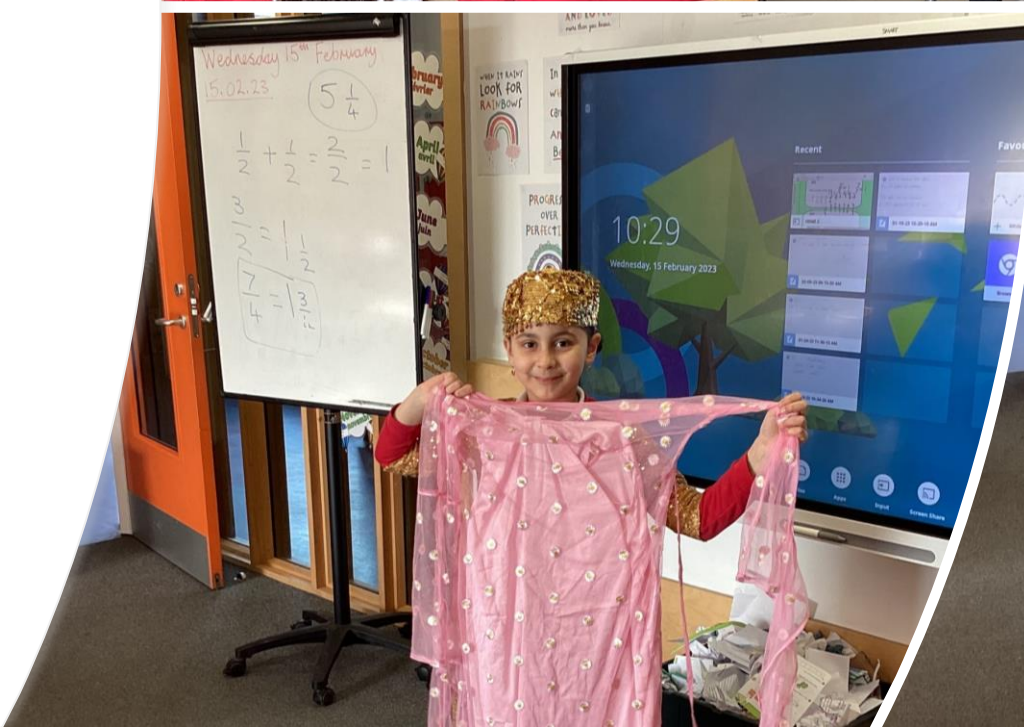


Prabhveer and Jasmeen brought in some lovely food from home with recipes. Some children talked about the weather and school life in their home countries.



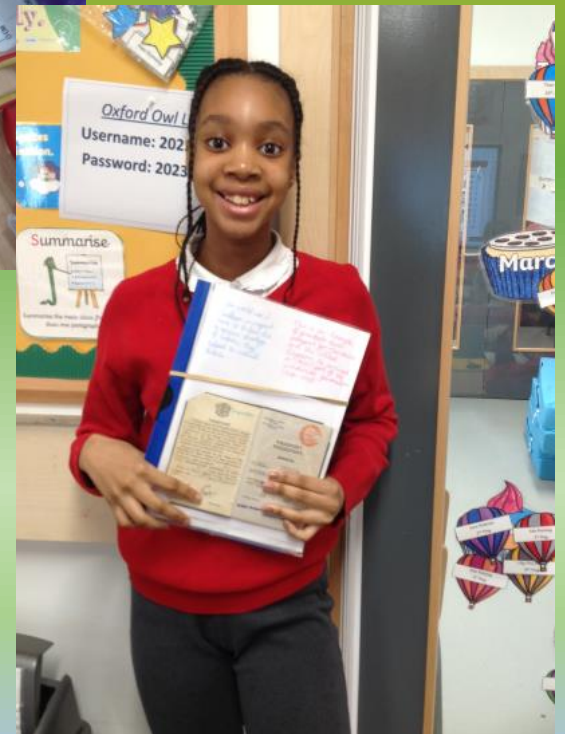
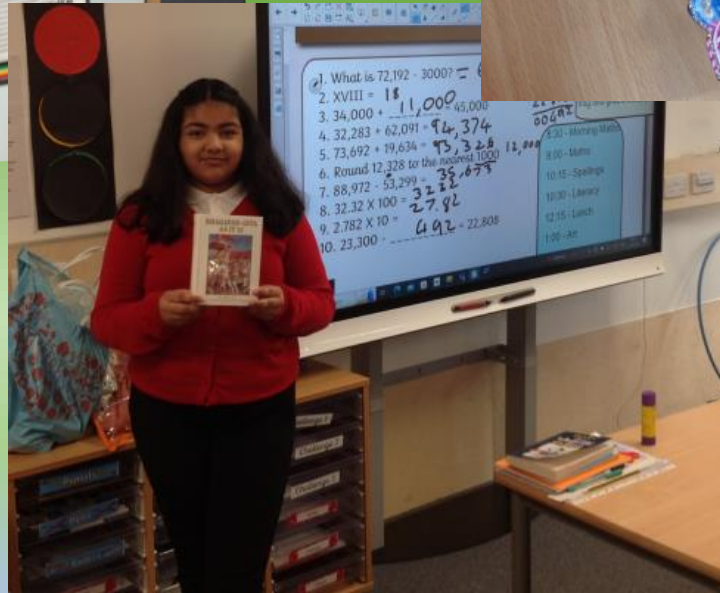


Some of the girls in Cherry brought in beautiful clothing and jewellery from their cultures.





# 5 Pine's Cultural Heritage



Some of the girls kindly shared items from their home countries and talked about life there.



# Collage and Carnival Mask Making







# YEAR 6 WEAVING

SURPRISED TIGER by Henri Rousseau





Weavers at work!



Mr Kang, from The Wolves Foundation, talked to our KS1 children about the 'No Room For Racism' campaign. We learnt about the word 'ally' and how we work together to stop discrimination.







# Our Special Visitor

- Mr Ali talked about fleeing the war in Syria. He had to leave his family and did not see them for two weeks.
- He is such an inspirational man who sees the positives in any situation and he taught us to be grateful each and every day.





- We have had the most amazing week celebrating our cultures.
- Thank you to all of our teachers for planning such fantastic activities for the children to enjoy and experience.
- Thank you to our parents for supporting us by sharing things from home and even coming in to talk to classes!
- Thank you to our wonderful children for being so kind, respectful, confident and inclusive. You have all made us so proud.

