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RACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

AT EASTBURY PRIMARY

At Eastbury, our vision is to make diversity and anti-racism central to our teaching all year round so that everyone feels valued and know they truly belong. This termly newsletter aims to focus on the development of the Race & Social Justice in our school. Here you will see updates, news and the children's wonderful work!

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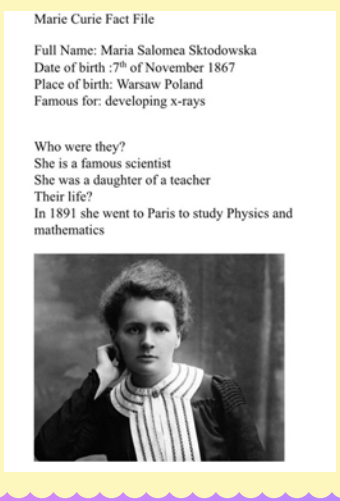
SCIENCE WEEK - SMASHING STEREOTYPES

One theme of British Science Week this year was 'Smashing Stereotypes' and celebrating how diverse scientists are!

What do you imagine when you're asked what a scientist looks like? Are you picturing lab coats, goggles and conical flasks? How about the person? Are they a White man with grey hair, who resembles Albert Einstein?
If that's who you pictured - you aren't alone. But it's something that we want to change! During science week the children researched scientists from diverse backgrounds. They also created a fact file all about them.
Have a look below.


Marie Curie Fact File

Full Name: Maria Salomea Sktodowska
Date of birth :7th of November 1867
Place of birth: Warsaw Poland
Famous for: developing x-rays

Who were they?
She is a famous scientist
She was a daughter of a teacher
Their life?
In 1891 she went to Paris to study Physics and mathematics

Marie M. Daly.

16th April 1921 – 28th October 2003 in Queens New York.

Marie Maynard Daly was an American biochemist and she was the first Black American woman in the United States to earn a PH.D. in chemistry.

Her ground breaking work led to a new understanding of how diet affects the circulatory system and the heart. She made important contributions in four areas of research: chemistry of histones, protein synthesis, relationships between cholesterol and hypertension and creatines uptake by muscle cells. As well as her own research, Marie taught biochemistry courses. She encouraged and supported minority students to enrol in medical and science programs.

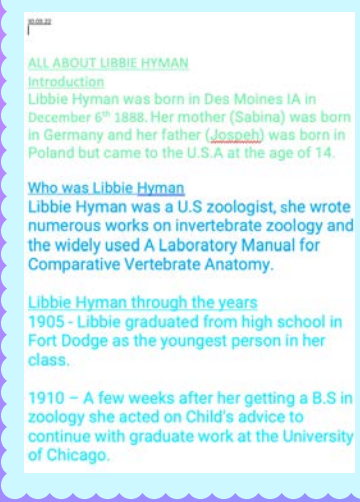
Her achievements are all the more incredible when you consider that she was educated at a time when college education was thought to be impossible for many African American students.

Marie Maynard Daly

Unfortunately, she died from cancer in New York on the 28th October 2003 in New York City, NY.

Did you know?

- Her father was from the West Indies.
- She had fellowships both to NYU and Columbia University.
- Worked as an instructor at Howard.


ALL ABOUT LIBBIE HYMAN

Introduction

Libbie Hyman was born in Des Moines IA in December 6th 1888. Her mother (Sabina) was born in Germany and her father (Joseph) was born in Poland but came to the U.S.A at the age of 14.

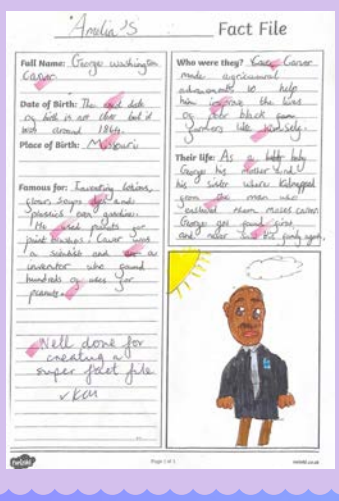
Who was Libbie Hyman

Libbie Hyman was a U.S zoologist, she wrote numerous works on invertebrate zoology and the widely used A Laboratory Manual for Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy.

Libbie Hyman through the years

1905 - Libbie graduated from high school in Fort Dodge as the youngest person in her class.

1910 – A few weeks after her getting a B.S in zoology she acted on Child's advice to continue with graduate work at the University of Chicago.


Amelia's Fact File

Full Name: George Washington Carver

Date of Birth: The exact date of birth is not known but it was around 1864

Place of Birth: Missouri

Famous for: Inventing lotions, flours, soaps and peanuts don't produce the plant but helped farmers in a sensible and easy way. An inventor who found hundreds of uses for peanuts.

Their life: As a baby he was kidnapped from the area where he lived with his mum, master called George and found him and raised him as his family son.

Who were they? Great Scientist made agricultural advancements to help him improve the lives of the black community

Well done for creating a super fact file
✓Ken

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Year 4 - Reading

Year 4 have enjoyed reading one of our new books - 'Sunflower Sisters'. This is a heartwarming story based on two friends Amrita and KiKi. Every page is filled with colour and reflects the diversity and vibrancy of South Asian and Nigerian cultures. The children then planted their own sunflower seeds and explored how the sunflower can represent the beauty of everyone.

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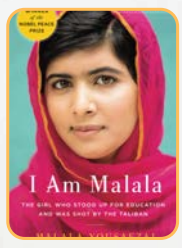
Year 5 - Book Recommendations

Aliya Mirza writer of the story 'The Adventure that Changed My Life' recommends books by Malala Yousafzai. Malala's magic pencil is a beautifully illustrated picture book which tells Malala's story, in her own words. She shares how she held onto hope and made her voice heard even in the most difficult of times.



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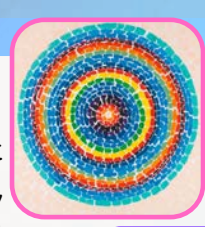
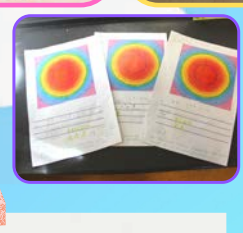
Reception - Alma Thomas Themed Art

Our Reception pupils were learning all about the artist Alma Thomas - a black female artist who used shapes, and bright, strong colours in her paintings. The children completed fun art activities inspired by her work.
See on the right.





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Year 1 - Mae Jemison

Year 1 have recently been learning all about Mae Jemison - the amazing scientist and astronaut. The children enjoyed reading the book 'Mae Jemison' - a children's book about reaching your dreams. They also created some artwork from a famous quote by Mae 'Never limit yourself because of others.

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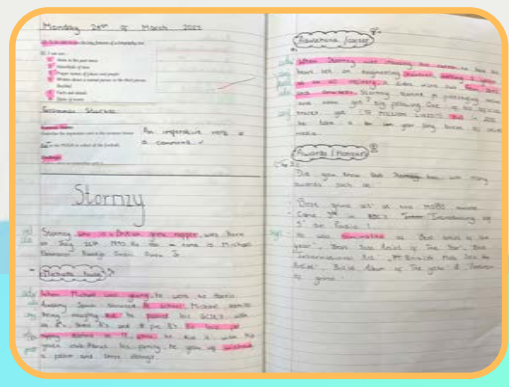
Year 5 - Biography Writing

Year 5 pupils have been writing biographies about the artist Stormzy. Many of our pupils have been inspired by his life and achievements. Timothy from 5C says; "although he (Stormzy) was labelled as bad, he continued to work hard and became a very successful rapper!" See biography below.



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