



LOVE



RESPECT



CREATIVITY



FRIENDSHIP

This Term's Value is:

'Thankfulness'

Always be thankful

1 Thessalonians 5.16

A Note from the Headteacher

Happy Christmas to you all

Wow, what a busy term!

Despite Covid restrictions we have managed to pack an amazing amount in; from trips to High Rid to walks in the countryside; from cricket coaching to helping in the community; it has been non-stop.

We have had our class parties, watched a pantomime, and believe it or not we have still been doing our work.

I would like to thank all the families of St Matthew's for their support this term. I wish you a very Merry Christmas and hope you have a fun-filled festive time.

Miss Ritchie
Headteacher

See what we've been up to
this week:

Visit the class pages on the
school website to find out
more

www.st-matthews.bolton.sch.uk

Dates For Your Diary

Don't forget:

Last day of term –
Tuesday 21st December –
School closes at 1pm

First day of term -
Thursday 6th January

Please remember:

Parents please be considerate to
our neighbours when parking near
the school, please do not park on
Nottingham Drive.

Please park a little further away and
walk your child to the school.

Thank you

The afterschool club timetable
is now on the school website
[https://www.st-
matthews.bolton.sch.uk/](https://www.st-matthews.bolton.sch.uk/)

St Matthew's Prayer

Dear God,

Lord, Let's be thankful for . . . the senses that help us to enjoy and explore the Earth. Let's be thankful for . . . refreshing rain, the water of life.

Amen.

Ethos Team Challenge

Write a list with your family of what you are thankful for at school. For example, play equipment and pencils.



Reflection Time

What is heavier - light or dark?



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance Information

(Monday 22nd November — Friday 3rd December 021)

Our school attendance for 2021 / 2022 target is 96%

The last two weeks whole school attendance was 94.4%

Rec E— 94.3%
Mrs Elliott
Rec S— 91.7%
Miss Smith
Y1D— 90.7%
Mrs Davidson
Y1O—95.5%
Miss O'Hagan
Y2B— 97.6%
Miss Bateman
Y2S— 93.2%
Mrs Shaw
Y3J— 95.0%
Mrs Johnson
Y3P— 91.7%
Mrs Phillips
Y4F— 96.9%
Miss Foster
Y4M— 97.4%
Miss Manly
Y5Mc— 93.5%
Mrs McIlhagga
Y5R— 93.3%
Mrs Rotherham
Y6Cl— 96.9%
Mrs Clarkson
Y6Cu— 95.0%
Mr Currid

Elf Run

All the staff and children took part in an 'Elf run' to raise money for Bolton Hospice. Wearing their elf hats the children ran as far as they could without stopping. It was a great event and our St Matthew's family raised a grand total of **£1003.37** for the Hospice. What a fantastic achievement. Well done everyone!





Bolton Hospice

caring from the heart

On the 30th November, all the children in St Matthews did their part for charity. In year groups, the children ran, danced and moved, to support the Bolton Hospice, a local charity we work with regularly.

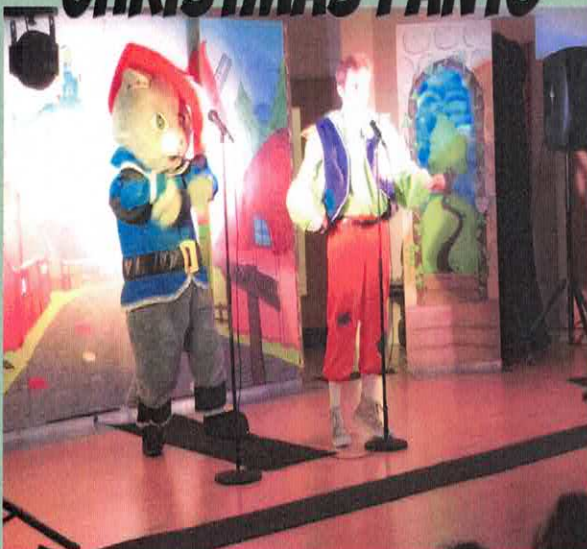
As you can see, all our elves had an amazing time!

Social Moral Cultural Spiritual



Puss in Boots

KS1 and EYFS enjoyed watching the Christmas pantomime.
We had lots of fun cheering and booing.



Y2 Litter Picking

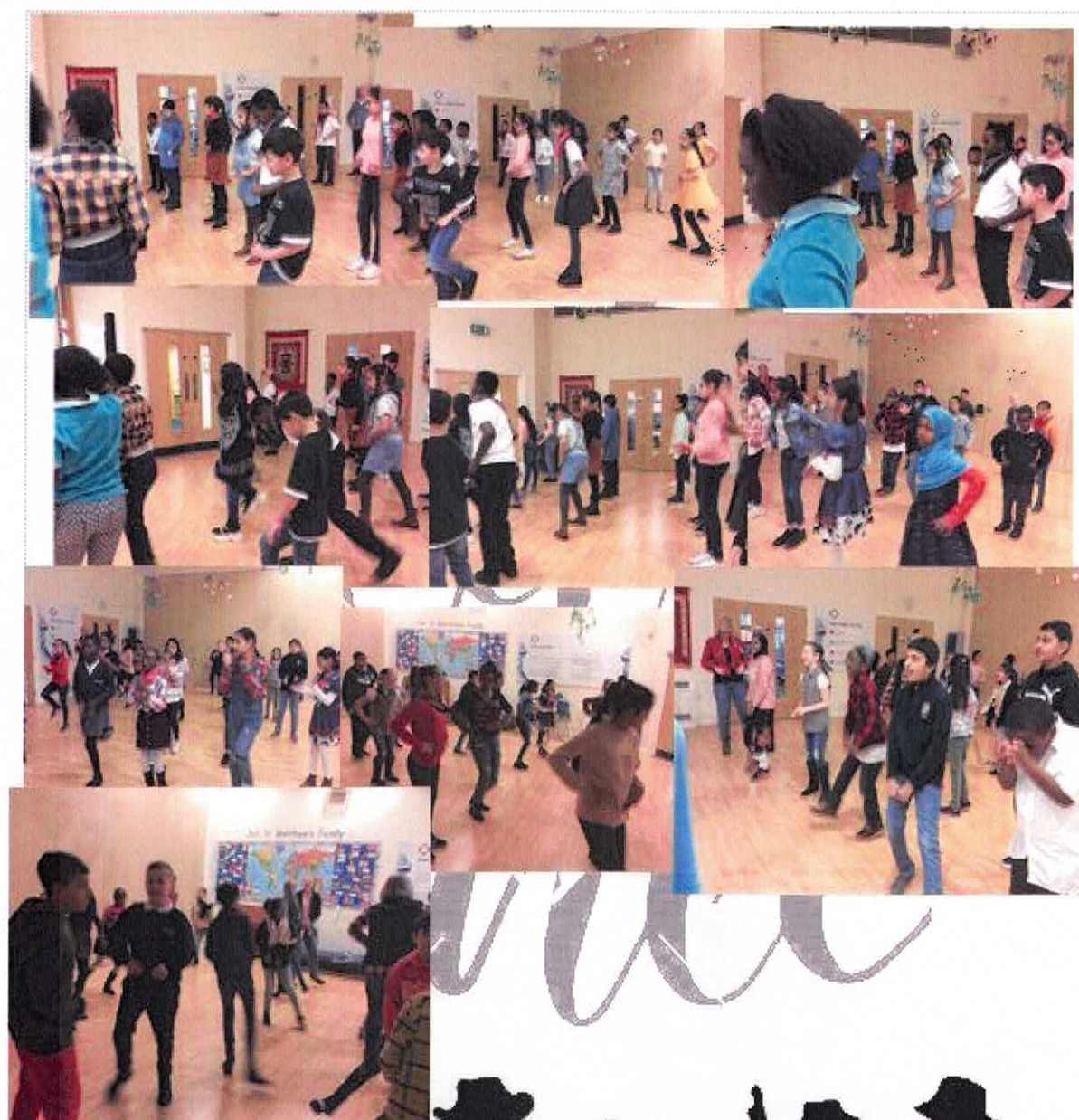
Y2S went on a litter pick around the local area. We were shocked at how much rubbish we found, but had good fun clearing it all up.



Year 2B

Year 2 have had a great time working with Lewis from Commando Joe's this term. We have built dens in Forest School and we have completed missions to get across the Amazon river. We all worked together and showed super teamwork and communication skills.





Each class was given a different dance to learn and memorise, before showing off our skills to the other class.



Reception

Reception have enjoyed lots of fun Christmas activities. We made party hats for our Christmas party, enjoyed playing party games and met Father Christmas.

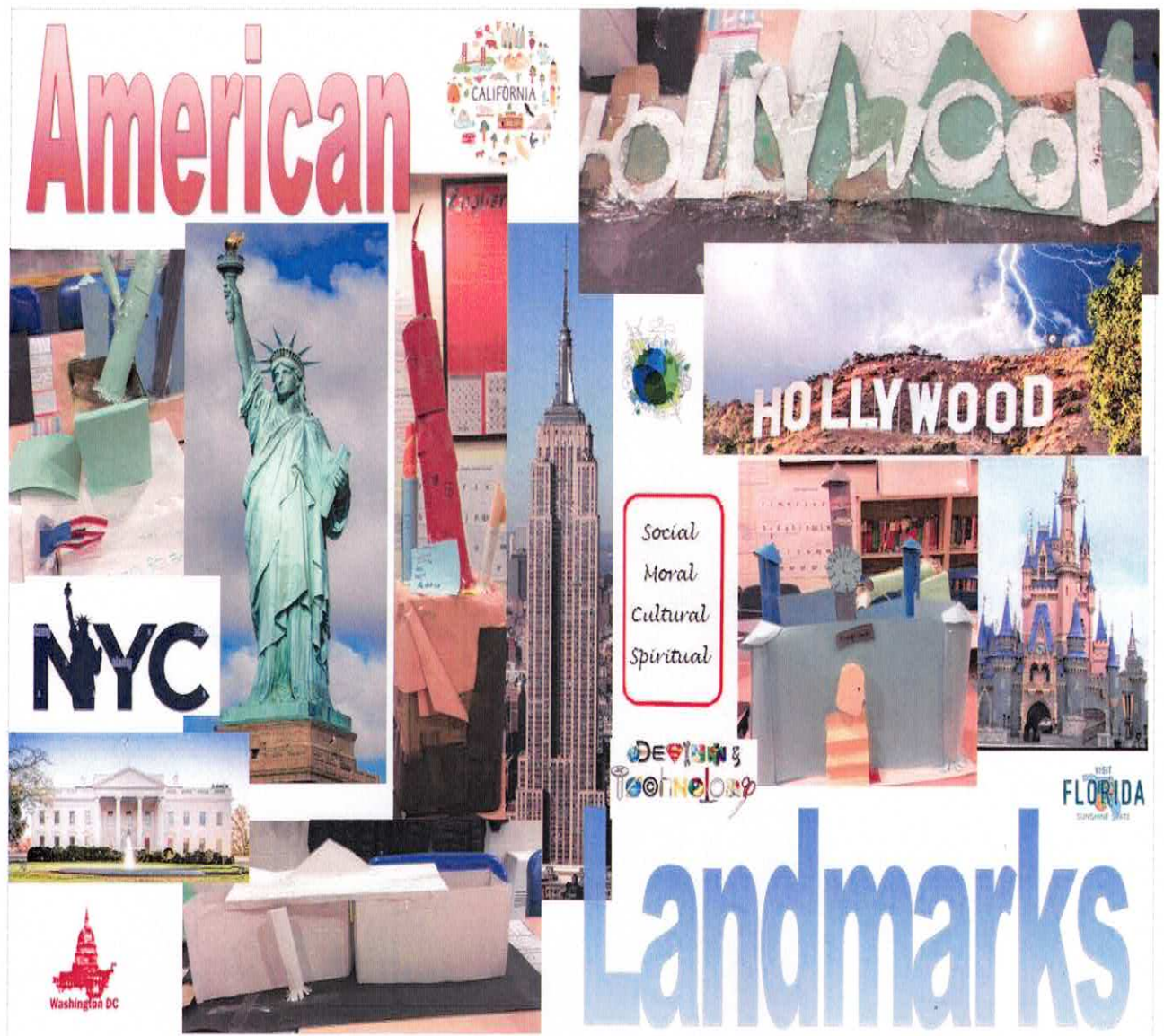




Y5

American Landmarks

As part of our theme Y5 have been studying Famous American Landmarks. We were tasked with recreating one of the landmarks - we had to work together to design, plan and build one of the landmarks. Can you guess what the landmarks are?





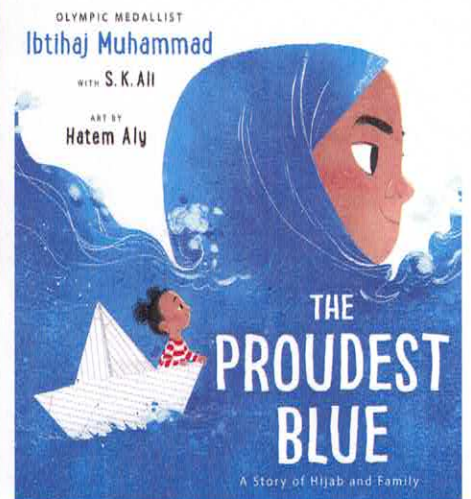
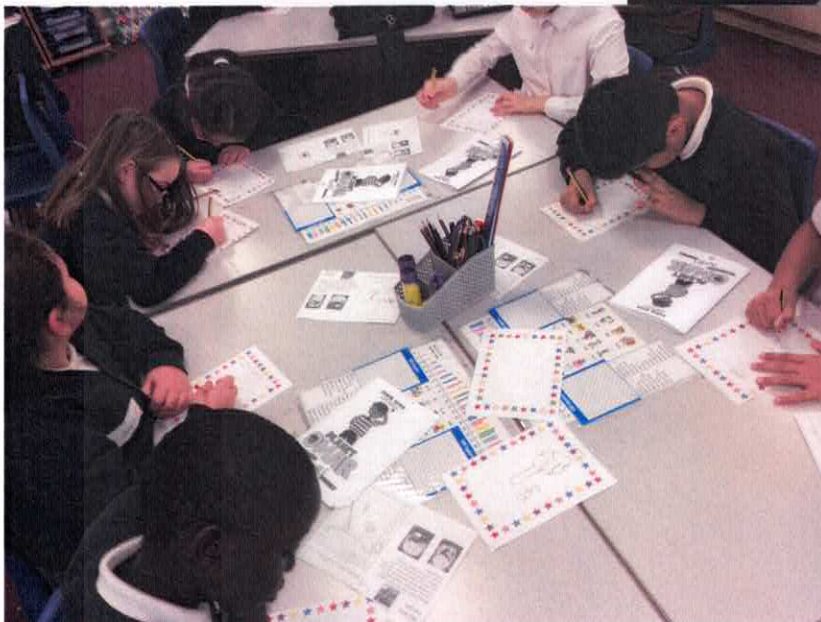
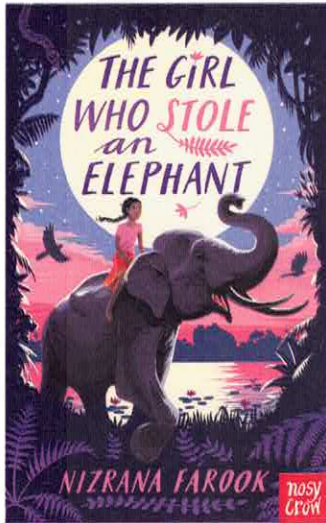
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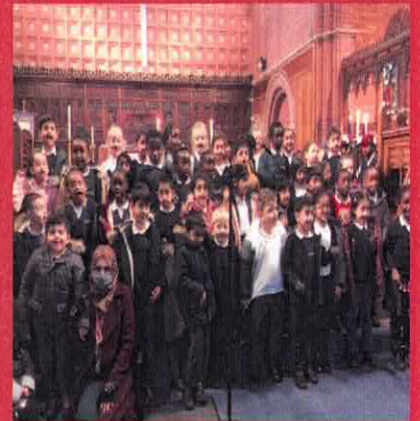
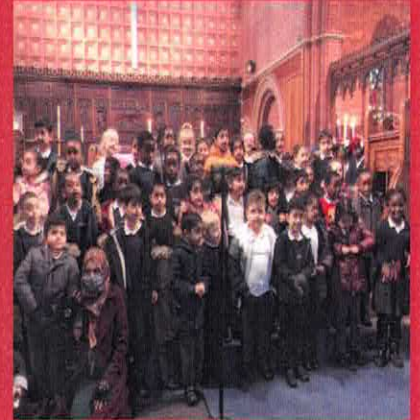


Social
Moral
Cultural
Spiritual

Author Afternoon

On Friday 3rd December, each class across the school looked at a different author. This half term we looked at BAME (black, Asian and minority ethnic) authors and discussed the importance of representation in books of all people from all different countries. Take a look at all the wonderful books, authors and activities we learned about below





Carol service
December
2021

PIC•COLLAGE

NUT Free School

We children in school with a nut allergy which means that all staff and parents must be vigilant about ingredients we use in school and items put into lunch boxes. No nuts or snacks containing nuts should be put into packed lunches.

Peanut allergy is the second most common food allergy in children and this is increasing. It now occurs in 1 in 50 children.

As we now have a pupil in school who suffers from a severe nut allergy please could I take this opportunity to explain to everyone that our school has now become a "Nut Free School. " If our pupil comes into contact with a nut product, they can suffer life threatening consequences. It can be easily initiated from a simple handshake or touching of a pupil's table who may have had some nuts in their food. Therefore children **must not** bring nuts or nut products as snacks into school at any time.

We ask that you do not provide your child with any products containing nuts in their lunch box: Some examples:

- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Nutella
- Peanut butter
- Cakes made with nuts
- Muesli bars
- Baklava
- Any nuts

School will be making regular checks on the children's lunches to ensure these rules are being followed.

Whilst we know some children like to bring in cakes/chocolates for their classmates to celebrate their birthday we ask that they do not bring in anything that contains nuts, if they do then unfortunately they will not be handed out and will be sent home unopened, which could lead to lots of disappointment.

We have a rule not to use nuts in any of our food prepared on site at our school. Our suppliers provide us with nut-free products, however, we cannot guarantee freedom from nut traces.

Please help us in providing a nut free school and assisting those parents who have a child who may have a life threatening reaction by children **not** bringing nuts or nut products as snacks into school at any time.

Many thanks for your support.

Picnic! Picnic!! Teddy Bear Picnic!!



All the children up to Y6 are invited to a Teddy Bear Picnic with their Mums, Dads & carers.

22nd December Wednesday
11.00 am at Bolton Central Library.

Free entry!



Bolton
Library and
Museum Services

• Bolton Central Library

"Committed to creating a culture of welcome and safety for refugees and asylum seekers seeking sanctuary in Bolton from war and persecution"

Contact us

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Your VIP INVITATION

Calling all young people

Free holiday activities and food sessions

Winter fun

Get active! Get involved!

Join #TeamBolton for a variety of activities this Winter!

#HAF21
Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) is a chance to take part in **FREE** activities for four hours a day, four days a week over winter!

Whether its games or sports, painting or dance, we have something just for you!

#TeamBolton are providing 'VIP' Access for young people eligible for free school meals.

You can find contact details and how to book this session below or visit the webpage to find out what else is happening across Bolton.

www.bolton.gov.uk/HAF

What's on:

Football, cricket, rounders, small team games, parachute games, dodge ball, hide and seek, Christmas arts and crafts, competitions, dancing, scavenger hunt & much much more!!

Age: 6-10

Days/time: 10-2pm 29/12/21, 30/12/21, 04/01/22, 05/01/22

Location: St Peters Parish Centre, 347 Church Road, Bolton, BL1 5RR

Contact: 01204 416990, 07812 581512 or email: admin@zakschildcare.co.uk

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ChatHealth Messaging Service

Text your School nurse/Health Visitor

During these unsettling times, as a parent of child aged between 0/19 years old you may be worried about your child's health and wellbeing and be unsure about how to get the help you need.

Our specialist nurses are still here to help - you can text them for confidential advice and support on a wide range of issues.

Parent/carers of child(ren) aged 0-19 can send a text to:

07507331751

We can help with all kinds of things like:

- Behaviour
- Continence
- Emotional health
- Self-harm
- Bullying
- Minor accidents and illnesses

Your ChatHealth messaging service is run by The Children's Integrated Health and Wellbeing Team, Bolton Foundation Trust and is available Monday to Friday 8am until 8pm

We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate bounce-back to confirm we received your text. Texts will not be seen outside of normal working hours. If you need help before you hear back from us, contact your GP, NHS 111 or dial 999 if it is an emergency.



Free School Meals

Even if your child is currently receiving Universal Free School meals, because they are in either Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, if you think that you might be entitled to standard free school meals, because you meet the criteria below it is very important that you still apply for them.

You can get further help on how to apply at the One Stop Shop in Bolton Town Hall.

What are free school meals? They are school dinners for children between the ages of 4 and 16 who attend full time school (but not private schools). They may also be awarded to some children outside this age range who attend full time school or nursery.

Do I qualify? To qualify you or your partner must be getting one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Universal Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit only (but no award of Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income, as assessed by the HM Revenues and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190.

What evidence is required & how do I apply? You need to provide an up to date document showing that you are getting one of the above benefits. You do not need to make a separate claim if you are already getting or have applied for Housing Benefit / Council Tax Support. We will use the information and evidence you have already provided to confirm your entitlement,

If you would like to make a claim this can be done by;

- Telephoning 01204 331590 or
- Visit our website www.bolton.gov.uk (search for free school meals)

In addition from **September 2014** children who are attending full time at any Sixth form college (not private) may also be eligible.

FREE CAKES FOR KIDS BOLTON



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**A community service that
provides free birthday cakes
for children who might not
otherwise receive one.**

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Get in touch if you know a child who
may benefit, or if you'd like to join
us as a volunteer baker.

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