

Greafields Primary School

October Newsletter

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

As part of **Black History Month**, the children explored the artwork of **Alma Thomas**, known for her bright colours and repeating patterns. They created their own pieces using paint and collage, experimenting with **colour, shape, and pattern**. **Oak Class** also celebrated by painting wonderful self-portraits inspired by the story 'The Colours of Us'. The children carefully looked at their features using mirrors, exploring different skin tones and shades, and celebrating the beauty of diversity through their artwork.



As part of our Literacy learning this month, Oak Class have been exploring the wonderful book *In Every House, On Every Street*. The story helped the children make meaningful connections as they shared their own experiences of home life and used descriptive language to talk about who lives in their house and what makes it special.

We explored the different areas of a house, such as the bedroom, kitchen, bathroom, and living room, and learnt that some people live in flats instead of houses. To support our Big Write, the children had fun building a house out of bread and then wrote a set of instructions using sequencing words like first, next, then, and lastly.



To celebrate Black History Month, Elm class explored identity, culture, and creativity through art. Students began by using mirrors to observe what makes them unique, then created self-portraits—carefully mixing paint to match their skin tones and celebrate the beauty of individuality.

They also explored African patterns and studied the vibrant abstract work of artist Alma Thomas. Inspired by her style, students created their own abstract art pieces, blending bold colours and patterns to express their creativity.



In Elm class, students have been diving into the exciting world of colours by exploring primary and secondary colours. They experimented with mixing paints to discover how combining different primary colours creates secondary colours like green, orange, and purple.

Along with colour mixing, the students used paper folding techniques to create symmetrical patterns with paint. By folding and painting paper, they learned about symmetry and design, producing vibrant and unique patterns.

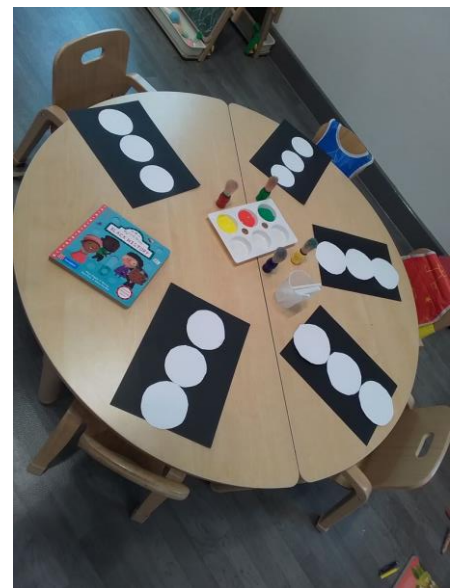
At Chestnut Nursery School Greatfields during October we celebrated Diwali - the festival of light!

We have been busy creating our own diya's, making our own Rangoli patterns and reading all about Diwali. We would like to wish all our families a Happy Diwali!



The Jay Room (Under 2 years) children have been celebrating Black History Month. They have been reading 'My first, Black History' book.

The story was brought to life through a range of activities. We created our own traffic lights inspired by Garrett Morgan, explored music with different rhythms, explored with skin-toned playdough while looking in the mirror, and even went on an exciting African animal safari!



The Robin and Wren Room have been reading Handa's Surprise. This book was chosen as it celebrates African culture in a joyful, age-appropriate way - a perfect link to Black History Month.

We brought the story to life through activities inspired by Handa's adventures! The children have enjoyed exploring animal themed tuff trays, tasting the fruits from the story, role playing out the story with animal masks and matching the animal to the fruit.