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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of another busy week here at St John's. The children have been developing their financial awareness in their termly **Lifesavers** lessons (thinking about where money comes from), and they have been reclaiming the narratives of lesser-known individuals in their **Black History Month** work. It is clear to see how much the children are enjoying their learning – we had the delight of **Year Six** sharing this in the first of this term's class assemblies today.

Hopefully your child has been working hard at home on their **Black History Month** project. We are looking forward to seeing them all displayed in our **exhibition** next week which will take place at the end of the day on **Friday 18th October** in the school hall. Do please visit.

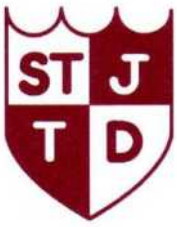
Below is a summary of the learning that has taken place across the school this week.

Early Years	
The children in Nursery and Reception enjoyed learning about Rosa Parks this week. We made our own models of Rosa Parks on a bus and learned a song to help us learn about her life.	
Year One	
We had a fantastic week in Year One! We are learning about 'greater than' and 'less than' in Maths and we had great fun using manipulatives like cubes and straws to help us. In English, we began learning about recount writing and using time connectives. We had great fun in our science lessons this week, we completed a 'sound walk' around the school. We walked very quietly and listened very closely to all the different sounds that could be heard and we wrote down our findings. We also began learning about Katherine Johnson and all of the great work she did for NASA. We loved learning about how she saved a rocket while it was still in space!	
Year Two	
Year Two had an exciting week, asking and answering questions about the Arctic Explorer, Matthew Henson. We looked at different sources of information such as photos and pictures in books. We have found out lots about him and will share our work in the coming weeks.	
Year Three	Year Four
This week, our Year Three writers began a unit on narrative poetry, or poetry that tells a story. We listened to Edgar Allen Poe's 'The Raven', found language that created a spooky mood and finally began planning our own poem. In maths, we have begun our unit on addition and subtraction. In science, we finished our unit on the human body by investigating the digestive system. Finally, in RE, we have been thinking about what it means to be a person of faith and what examples we can find in the Bible.	In Year Four this week we have started learning about poems and how to describe Roman settings using evocative vocabulary and onomatopoeia, basing our learning on the story "Escape from Pompeii". In Maths, we have started adding with reminders, increasing the question difficulty, using this skill for problem solving. We continued learning about Romans, having the Queen Boudicca as main character of the week, learning about her deed and how it affected the current times.
Year Five	
This week in maths we have been rounding numbers as well as adding and subtracting, using the column method. We have started to write our stories in English and have been researching Florence Price as part of our work for Black History Month.	

Head Teacher awards were presented to the following children in this week's celebration assembly.

EYFS	Aurora for being a great helper – tidying up well in class and being Miss Kelly's little helper! Well done to Sophia for participating so well in Reception's lessons. Sophia has been doing a great job of putting her hand up and sharing her brilliant ideas with the class. Good job Sophia!
Year One	Grace for the great attention to detail shown in her written work and her art work and for always striving to make her work the best it can be.





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	Jayden for the kindness shown towards his peers this week and for always offering to help others and Ms.Hickey throughout the school day.
Year Two	Isaiah for demonstrating gentleness and kindness to a classmate when they were upset. Abena for showing faithfulness in her own ability and displaying joy after all her effort
Year Three	Kaley for trying to speak more loudly and clearly so that we can all hear her valuable thoughts Uthmaan for using detail and sequencing words in his diary entry about Stone Age Boy
Year Four	Hayley for going above and beyond expectations, working with enthusiasm and determination, committed to finding her best version always and also being considerate and helping others, showing great initiative during our classroom routines. Valentino for always trying hard, showing a positive attitude when facing challenges and being curious. Your energy during the Science lessons, wanting to learn more about facts and determination during our PE lessons are wonderful.
Year Five	Zacklyn for making a great effort in maths and English Dana for her positive attitude to learning
Year Six	Adrian for being reliable, ready and willing to help his peers and working hard to improve his understanding of Factors and Multiples in Maths. Blessing for asking great questions to expand her knowledge and understanding of what it was like to be a child during World War One.

The house point totals for this week are:

 GARRISON	47	 AUGUSTINE	26
 FRANKLIN	29	 DICKENS	50

On a final note, please be reminded that, next Friday 18th October 2024, we break up for the two-week half term holiday; school will close at the normal time of 3:15.

Kind regards

Mrs Warland
Head Teacher

