

## “Around the World” Humanities Week

The whole school thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a special humanities-themed week, titled ‘Around the World’. The focus of the week was on History and Geography with links to other curriculum subjects.



**YEAR 3**



**YEAR 4**

Throughout the week, children engaged in a vibrant range of creative activities, with Year 3 exploring the rich history of Canada, Year 4 designing and crafting stunning African masks from Kenya, Year 5 making fascinating comparisons between life in China and the UK, and Year 6 bringing to life the colourful world of Aboriginal art. It was an inspiring week full of discovery and imagination!



**YEAR 5**



**YEAR 6**

The week began with a vibrant and exciting opening assembly, led by Mrs Fremantle and our Globetrotter Leaders. The children were encouraged to draw on their geographical and historical knowledge as they explored a variety of images, including flags and artefacts, sparking their curiosity and questions. This interactive session gave them a clear understanding of what ‘Humanities Week’ was all about and the significance behind the event. The children were fully engaged, enthusiastic, and eager to embark on a week of discovery and learning!



We are lucky to have a diverse team of staff who were willing to share with everyone where they come from, language, history and generally talk about their culture. Mrs Brewster Holmes and Mrs Mendez delivered an assembly on Barbados and Spain. The children were fascinated; they listened carefully and answered questions throughout.



### Dance Around Our World: Dance



The children had the exciting opportunity to experience eight different dances from around the world, taught by a professional dancer with experience in the theatre industry.



During the “Dance Around Our World” workshop, the choreographer worked with each class, guiding them through vibrant dances from across the continents. The workshop featured dances from Europe (France – Can Can, Scotland – Highland Fling),

Africa (Adumu), Asia (India – Jai Ho (Bollywood)), Oceania (New Zealand – Haka), the Americas (Cuba – Salsa, America – Street Dance), and Russia (Kalinka, which spans both Europe and Asia).



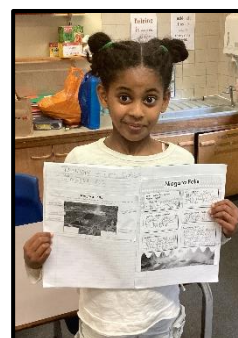
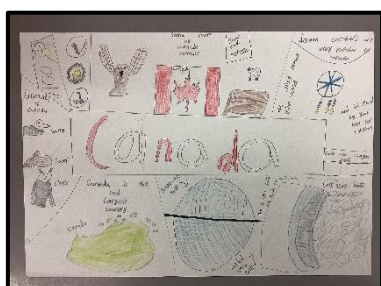
The children were truly inspired by these international dances, gaining an appreciation for how different cultures around the world have developed their own unique dance styles. They thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and couldn't wait to share their newly learned moves with others!

## Year Group Activities

### YEAR 3

In Year 3, the children learned about the location and features of Canada, including its climate, history, and culture, using maps and digital tools. Each class also explored the First Nations peoples. Throughout the week, the children wrote diary entries, created poems inspired by Canadian animals and landscapes (including the Northern Lights), and discovered Canada's extreme weather. They also had the opportunity to taste maple syrup.

Additionally, they learned about Canadian coins and enjoyed creating dream catchers.



### YEAR 4

During Humanities Week, Year 4 focused their learning on the continent of Africa. They explored different regions, studied geographical features, and compared them to those of the UK. The children also enjoyed learning about Alistair Humphrey's adventures and based their English work on his book. Some activities included writing letters from Tom to his family, describing his adventures in Africa, and identifying items they might take on their own journey around the world.

Additionally, the children learned about the history of the Maasai people and used this knowledge to create stunning African masks. They also produced artwork inspired by African animals and beautiful sunset scenes.



## YEAR 5

In Year 5, the children have been exploring the geography of China and its diverse physical features, while also learning about the country's rich history and culture. A special guest from China visited to teach them Mandarin and Chinese writing. The children also had the opportunity to learn and sing a traditional Chinese song, *Find a Friend* (找朋友 Zhǎo péng yǒu).

Additionally, they discovered the fascinating history of Ming vases and learned about the Chinese royal family. To round off their experience, all of Year 5 enjoyed tasting fortune cookies and spring rolls!



## YEAR 6

In Year 6, the children have been on an exciting adventure exploring the wonders of Australia! They've immersed themselves in the rich culture and history of the Aboriginal people while also discovering the unique and awe-inspiring geography of this vast land. The fun didn't stop there – they had a fantastic time crafting their own didgeridoos!

The children also put their geographical skills to the test, gaining a real sense of the immense size of Australia. To top it all off, they researched and created fantastic fact files on Australia's incredible wildlife, iconic landmarks, thrilling sports, and much more. What an unforgettable learning journey it has been!



### Showcasing Our Learning

For our finale, the children wore clothes representing their country focus or the colours of their flag. In the afternoon, each year group had a small group of volunteers who demonstrated and shared with the rest of the school, during an assembly, what they had learned.

### Whole School Parade

Each class had their own 'Humani-Tea' party and a whole school parade to celebrate and share more of each other's achievements.



All the children and staff have had an incredible week, discovering the fascinating people, histories, and cultures from around the world. Don't forget to visit our school website for more exciting photographs from the week!

Mrs Kan and Mrs Fremantle (Geography and History Leads)