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Our theme this half term has been 'Social Justice.' Throughout school, we have explored what our theme means and have enjoyed learning about different topics that link to the theme. We have also learnt some new vocabulary.

Nursery and Reception

This half term, the topic has been 'Tell Me a Story.' The children have been exploring traditional tales, such as 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff.' They have created puppets and have enjoyed retelling stories. The children have also enjoyed exploring stories written by one of their favourite authors, Julia Donaldson. They were then inspired to write their own stories using their favourite characters from her books. To finish their learning journey, the children became authors themselves, writing and illustrating their own books.



Year 1 and 2

This half term, the children have been answering the question 'How can we make a difference in the community?' The children read the book 'The Invisible' which taught them about taking things for granted and how we can make a difference and help the community. After that, the children wrote letters to the local community, asking if they could help us to make a difference. The children then made a difference to our school by cleaning up our grounds. The children have also improved their history skills by learning about homes and houses, exploring homes and houses in our local community.



Year 3 and 4

The children have been learning all about the ancient Greeks. The topic question has been 'How has ancient Greece influenced the western world?' They started their journey by learning about the geography of modern day Greece, considering how the physical geography of Greece played a part in the formation of city-states in ancient Greece. The children then learnt about the different governments of city-states and daily life in ancient Greece. Next, the children learnt about the enslavement of people during this period, linking to our theme of social justice. The children are looking forward to continuing this topic next half term where they will learn about the achievements of the ancient Greeks, including democracy and the ancient Olympics.



Year 5 and 6

This half term, the children have been learning about the Victorians. The topic question has been 'How did the Victorians influence the way we live today?' The children began their learning by finding out where the Victorians fit into British history. This led perfectly into finding out about Queen Victoria - the woman a whole era was named after. The children researched key events that happened under her reign and discovered some inventions that were produced; some of these have influenced how we live today. The children learnt about the divide in social class at the time and how it played a large part in the lives of Victorians. The children also learnt about countries that were part of the British Empire and are now part of the Common Wealth. The children are looking forward to continuing this topic next half term to find out more about the lives of Victorian children.

