

# Curriculum Newsletter

## Cry Freedom

### Theme Overview

“Cry Freedom” is a thematic unit based around slavery. It looks at the history and origins of slavery around the world, before moving on to learning about some key figures involved in the abolition of slavery. Pupils will also learn about modern-day slavery, including child labour.

### History Links

- Defining Slavery
- Slavery Around the World
- Abolition of Slavery
- Modern Slavery

### Literacy Links

- Persuasive Writing
- Non-Chronological Report
- Haikus

### Art

- Banksy and Graffiti

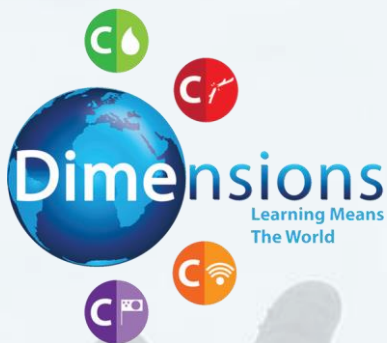
### Dance

- Slavery and Freedom Dance Motifs



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## Music

Coded Songs / Harriet Tubman

## PSHE

Diversity  
Tolerance

## Science

Reflections  
Shadows

## Other information

To encourage a love of reading and support our work in English, we are going to study at least one key book per term.

The book for this term will be *Matilda*, by the amazing Roald Dahl.

As always, School has bought copies of this book for the children to share, but if you do have a copy at home or would like to purchase a copy for your child to use in school, please feel free to do so.

Please make sure that your child's name is written in the front of the book before they bring it to school.

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## Home learning

### Weekly Home Learning (Compulsory)

**Reading:** As always, we will be encouraging the children to **read** as often as possible. Please remember to sign your child's reading card (maximum once per day) in order for them to receive dojo rewards and for the chance to win books in our prize draws.

**Spelling:** To help them learn their weekly spellings, the children are expected to complete some activities on the Spelling Shed website each week. There will be a spelling test each Friday and certificates to be earned!

**Maths:** We will be continuing to have a focus on **times tables** to make sure that all children are able to recall the times tables up to 12 x 12 as well as the corresponding division facts. Each week, the children are expected to practise at home using '*Times Tables Rock Stars*' for at least 10 minutes- this is especially important for the Year 4's who will be completing their times table check this year. Mr Horton has recently signed our school up to Maths.co.uk. Your child will be set a homework task each week to complete, each task will link to our current learning in class.

### Creative Homework (Optional)

- Compose a rap to inform others about the shocking statistics of modern-day slavery, focusing on 'Every 30 seconds someone is forced into slavery', or the fact that people are being used as slaves in our own country, and maybe even our own local area.
- Arrange a charity event (sponsored run, craft stall, concert, etc.) to raise money to help an anti-slavery charity.
- Investigate your family's slavery footprint: - <https://slaveryfootprint.org/>
- Write to your local newspaper to persuade them to help in the fight against modern day slavery.

