

Monthly Magpies

Historic Villain:

Last month we told you about a hero from the past, but November is a month when we remember one of history's greatest (and most unlucky) villains. Guy Fawkes and his friends didn't agree with the King of England (King James I). They thought the best thing to do would be to get rid of the King and all of his friends. Unluckily for him, but luckily for the King, Guy Fawkes was caught before they could carry out their plan, and the houses of parliament and the people that worked there weren't hurt. That's why we have Firework's Night on November the 5th. Why not use some colouring pencils, or chalks, to design your own fireworks display? You could even use black paper, or pencil, to draw the silhouette of your road underneath them.



Fun and Free:

Why not find out how things like fireworks work at the Science Museum in London? See if you could have been a spy and found Guy Fawkes yourself in their free Spy-ence show. You can explore the wonders of sending messages, breaking codes and keeping secrets in their free show. Check out the website for dates and times.

<https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/see-and-do/spy-ence-show>



Composer Central:

This month we have been listening to George Frideric Handel in assembly. He wrote a famous piece of music for the royal fireworks display. He was asked to write this special bit of music to celebrate the end of the War of the Austrian Succession. Does the music make you feel peaceful? What other emotions does it make you feel? What special occasion would you write a song for?



Love our Libraries:

This month (and in honour of last month being Black History Month) we are championing the books of Malorie Blackman. Help Beans and her friends solve the mystery of her Dad's disappearance in Operation Gadgetman or, for younger children, see if Fangs and Nathan can show his family that spiders aren't hairy and scary - they can be special and brave.



Where we live:

Little Holland House: 40 Beeches Avenue
1st December

Visit the home of Frank R. Dickinson, a local artist, designer and craftsman, whose Grade II listed house is a beautiful example of the William Morris Arts and Craft style.



Marvellous Mental Health:

Did you know that taking time to be thankful can really help you to feel happier? Why not tell a grown up three good things that happen each day after school for a week? See if you feel more positive? Maybe you could even write a letter to someone who made you feel good. One of the best things we can share is a smile!