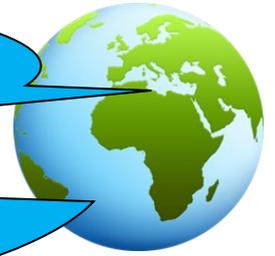




Very International People



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Welcome to our first newsletter this term and our new VIP (Very International People) Committee—Emily, Nausicaa, Alexi, Hana, Adam and Christian. First of all a HUGE thank you for contributing to buy solar lamps to help children in our partner school in Kenya. So far we have contributed 38 lamps to Bongu Primary School. Each lamp costs £10.00 and enables children to do their homework as they do not have any electricity in their homes. We would like to continue to collect any loose change you may have and there will be collection tins to fill in each classroom.

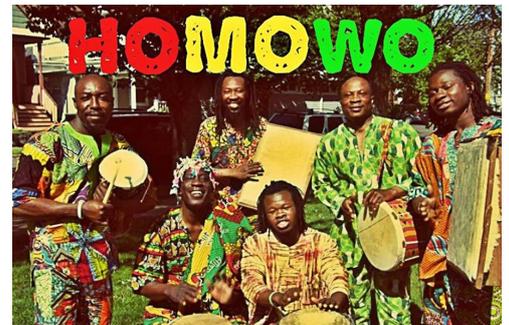
Earlier this term, each class enjoyed learning about Harvest Festivals around the world and next week everyone will have the opportunity to learn about worldwide Christmas traditions and celebrations .



In Year 4, they were looking at harvest in Italy. In Tuscany they celebrate the Festa del Ipruneta, which is their harvest festival. This celebration is for the harvest and is a last chance before winter to have special foods and wines. The olive harvest is also important festival. Olive oil is very popular and used all over the world for salads, pizzas and cooking. Year 4 made a lovely olive tree for a classroom display.

They also learned about harvest celebrations in Poland and made lovely flower and wheat crowns to celebrate an old tradition to celebrate Harvest.

In Year 3, they have been learning about Harvest in parts of Africa. They learned about crops grown in Kenya and realized that harvest is at different times because of the climate and rainy dry seasons. Yams, which are like a sweet potato, are an important crop in Nigeria and Ghana. Year 3 learned about the most famous festival in Ghana called Homowo where people dance and have processions in the streets, as well as eating big meals to celebrate the harvest. Year 3 made their own necklaces and bracelets. Some children labelled the countries in Africa and others coloured in the Ghana and Kenya flags.





Reception class have been learning about the Jewish festival of Sukkot. Sukkot is a festival which happens in the Autumn and it is quite similar to the Christian Harvest festival. They listened to the story of how a long time ago, the Jewish people were in a hot country without any food, water or shelter. God looked after them so now they build Sukkah shelters and decorate them with fruit as a way of saying thank you for having enough food to eat now.

Year One learned about how Christians celebrate Harvest Festivals in churches in the United Kingdom. In churches, Christians collect food and give food to those in need. They decorate the church and sing hymns to thank God for the harvest.

Year Two learned about harvest in Australia. They have learnt where lots of different crops are grown around Australia and made a lovely classroom display showing the Harvest Festivals celebrated for:

- Apples
- Sugar Cane
- Grapes
- Oranges
- Hops
- Lavender



In Y6 they have been learning about different harvest festivals. Including China, Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia and produced fact files about each country.

In Thailand they make rockets and launch them to get a good harvest.

In China they make moon cakes on the moon festival and harvest lots of fruits and crops. They also light lanterns near a lake side and believe they will go to the moon.

In Vietnam they grow soy beans, sugar cane, peanuts, sweet potato and maize. At harvest one of the most important crops by far is rice. Vietnam is the second largest rice exporter in the world after Thailand .

In Indonesia they celebrate the rice festival which is held in Bali, Indonesia. It is a feature of Hindu culture. It is held after New Year, when ceremonies are held to purge the spirits of the land.



Year 5 researched into the crops grown in different regions of India and how people celebrate the harvest.

They made wonderful fact files of all the information they found. Here are a few of them. All of the fact files are in a book in Year 5 classroom.



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