

# Ribble Class News

Week – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Welcome back! The children have settled back into school life brilliantly and have made a fabulous start to the New Year. We have been excited to begin our new Learning Means the World topic about the life of the inspirational footballer and soldier Walter Tull and also our scary English topic on Beowulf. We have a short and very busy term ahead and are raring to go!

*What have we been learning about this week?*

## Learning Means the World

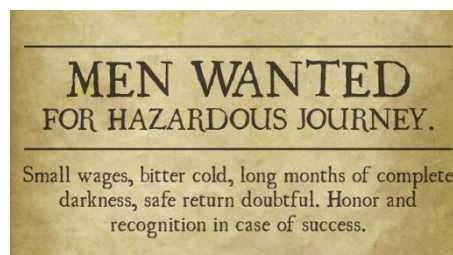
We have been finding out all about the tragic early life of Walter Tull, one of the first black professional footballers. The children were quite shocked to learn about how difficult life could be for poor children in Victorian times and we looked at how charities that still exist today, such as Action for Children and Barnados were set up then to help. We have been inspired by the fact that Walter did not let his difficult childhood stop him from following his dreams.

## Maths

We have been continuing with our work on adding and subtracting fractions and have really made progress – I can feel the confidence growing every day, which is wonderful!

## Reading

We have begun a new book in Guided Reading, Shackleton's Journey, which has already been a fascinating read about an amazing expedition to the Antarctic. A surprising number of children were very keen to write an application to join the expedition even after they saw this advert!



## Writing

We have been enjoying our new English topic, Beowulf, and have already produced some amazing monster stories. The children were not at all put off by the gory parts of the story and have enjoyed getting to know this epic tale!

## PE

We are thrilled to welcome back Mr Banks who has been teaching gymnastics and has been very impressed with the level of skill and enthusiasm shown by all. We have also been learning about handball and have had some very competitive matches.

## RE

We are thinking about how to live by the values of Jesus and the children made some super links between this and the actions of the founders of children's charities that looked after Walter Tull when he was a child.

**Our theme in Collective worship** is Justice