

## THIS WEEKS NEWS

- Parent Governor Election - VOTE NOW
- PTA - Pedder Boards Appeal

- Curriculum Driver #1 - EMPIRE
- 05.06.23 - School Opens again...

- Year 5 Fryland's Woods Visit
- 10.06.23 - Football Teams Finals



# Edmund Waller WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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## 26th May 2023

### The Sun Never Sets...

This week sees the start of a weekly series of newsletters which will see us unpicking one of our eight curriculum themes - Empire, Trade, Conflict, Migration, Childhood, Settlement, Legacy & Beliefs. This is intended to give the wider community a feel for how the curriculum drivers and themes impact on the children's learning.

First up: Empire. This potentially problematic concept, and the conversations around it are fundamental to the children understanding both modern England and the legacy and actions of those who came before us. This half term, Year 4 have been looking at the

Victorians and Queen Victoria. A time period that left the world's largest empire and established this small island as a global superpower, long before the phrase was coined. The children have looked at rapid expansion of industrialisation both through

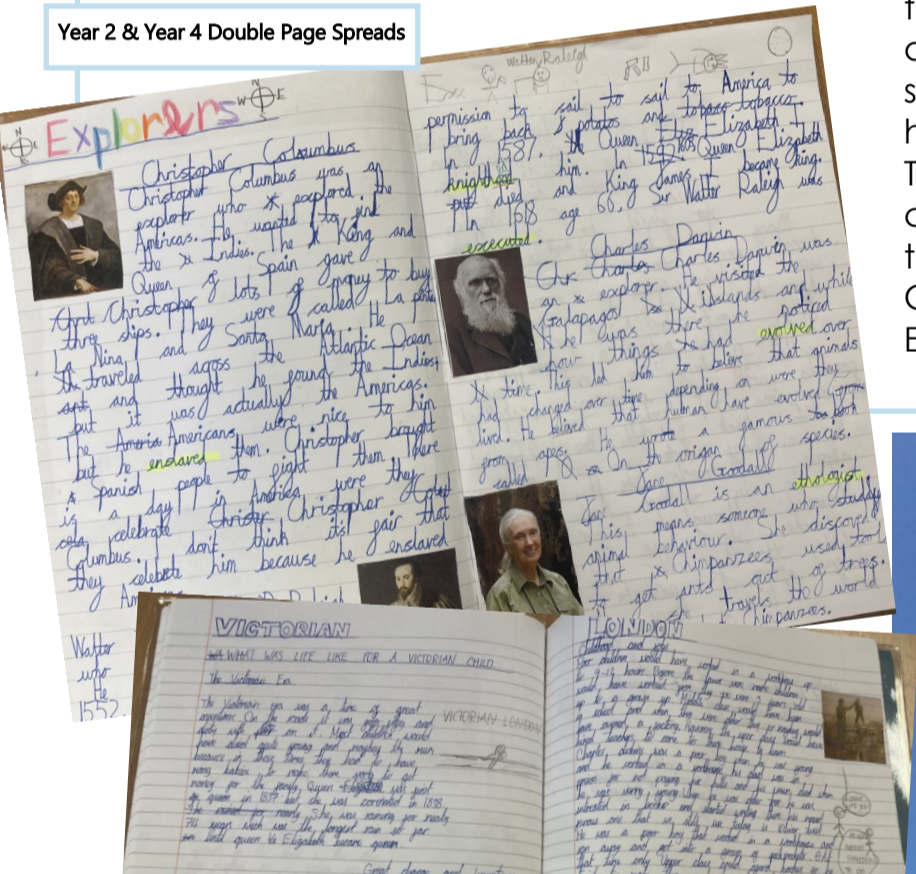
the lens of economic and social impact. We expect our teachers to address all aspects of these subjects, including the uglier sides of enslavement and subjugation. Year 2 learners, looked at the role early European explorers had in exploiting human and natural resources as tradeable commodities. The undeniable link between this and the rise of empire is made clear to the children throughout each topic. Unconvinced? Ask any Year 2 child for their thoughts about Christopher Columbus... (or zoom in on the Y2 Explorers work to the left!)



**Timeline**  
The lives of Victorian children changed over time. Laws helped to

**The British Empire**  
The British Empire grew under Queen Victoria and she came to rule over a quarter of the world's population. When the British arrived in these territories they forcibly replaced the beliefs, language and traditions of indigenous populations with their own. Valuable resources were taken and sent back to Britain. The growth of empire brought huge wealth for the nation in Britain.

Year 2 & Year 4 Double Page Spreads



**Out'n'About**

Catching a break with the weather this week, Year 5 had an amazing day visit to Fryland's Wood Activity Centre. This day visit now replaces the Year 5 residential as, following a review of visits, we decided that the cost of three residential visits across Year 4/5 & 6 were prohibitive and would leave some children unable to attend. The kids had a great day - thanks to the staff accompany the classes.

**Parent Governor Election**

Following the recent request for nominations for the Parent Governor vacancy, we have received 3 nominations. As a result, we will be holding an election - The election will take place between Thursday 25 May, 5pm and Thursday 15 June, 5pm. Use this link to vote now:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/E9d3Hz18RJ>

**A Message from the PTA**

Pedder estate agents are kindly sponsoring our Summer Fair again this year. The date for the fair is **Saturday 15th July**. If you are happy to have a board up outside your house to advertise the fair, please can you contact [tessadevonsire@icloud.com](mailto:tessadevonsire@icloud.com) or 07812065242 and specify any do's and don'ts on where to put the sign up. If you don't own the house, can you please check with your landlords or with your neighbours if you share a front garden. The boards will go up 2 weeks before the fair and come down 1 week after (give or take a day or 2 either side). We need addresses in SE15/14/4/5 so please send over to neighbourhood groups too. The cut off date to receive the addresses is **Wednesday 14th June**. Thank you.

**Final Thoughts...**

Get ready to wave and whoop as the EW Girls Football Team and the Year 3 & 4 Boys Team take to Blackheath Common to take part in their respective finals. These matches will take place on 10th June. Why not come and join staff & parents as we cheer the on? We will publish match times in the next newsletter.

**Summer Term 2023**  
\*NEW DATES - See Below\*  
**Friday 26th May - INSET Day**  
**Half Term**  
**Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June**  
**Friday 7th July - KS2 Sports Day @ Goldsmiths**  
**Tuesday 11th July - Reception Sports Day (@ School)**  
**Wednesday 12th July Nursery Sports Day (@School)**  
**Tuesday 11th July - School Concert (Y2 - Y6) 6:00 - 7:30pm**  
**Saturday 15th July - PTA Summer Fair**  
**Friday 21st July - CLOSE @2pm**  
**End of Summer Term**