

Commonwealth Games Week 2022

During the week beginning 27th June, within school we have focused our learning upon the Commonwealth Games, and have completed various activities to celebrate this amazing opportunity for the West Midlands. As you are aware, this is a significant event. The children have been provided with a range of learning opportunities based on the sporting and geographical aspects of the Commonwealth. This consisted of Sports Day, Karate taster sessions from yr 2 to yr 6 and learning within the classroom.

Reception

This week in Reception the children have explored what the Commonwealth Games are, where they are being held this year, and the different events that take place. The children have enjoyed role-playing in the Commonwealth corner, creating their own mini competitions, and completing various carousel activities relating to the commonwealth.

We have also learnt about Australia. In our classes, we looked at where Australia is located on a map and discussed the differences between the UK and Australia. In our Literacy time, we read different stories that featured Australian animals such as 'The Koala Who Could.' Within the classroom, the children have engaged with the 'Australian Outback' role-play area in their choosing time. We have explored Aboriginal artwork and the children created their own boomerang design. To conclude our learning this week, we listened to some Australian music and talked about the different instruments. The children then decorated their own 'digeridoos' and joined in with the video clip.



REC-C:

Grayson: "The commonwealth is in Birmingham. There's sports."

Joseph P: "They have a desert."

Rocco: " There's kangaroos and koalas."

REC-P:

Archie: "We learned about lots of different sports."

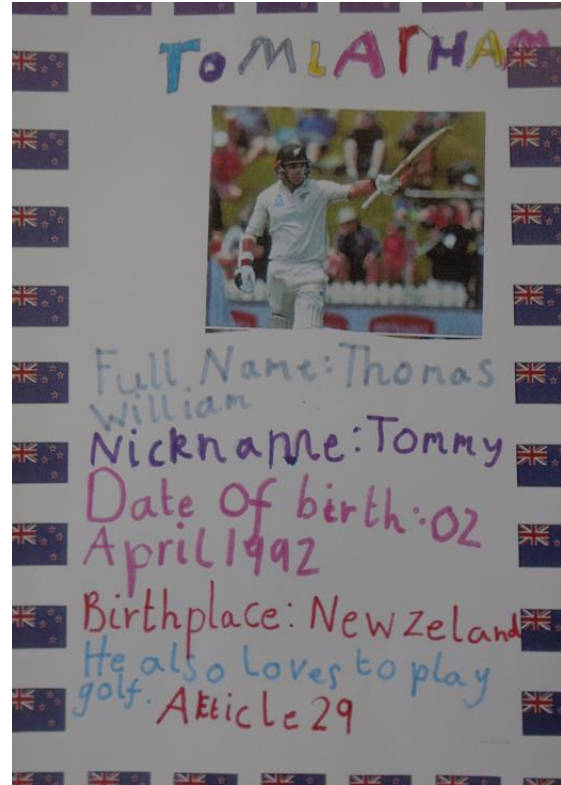
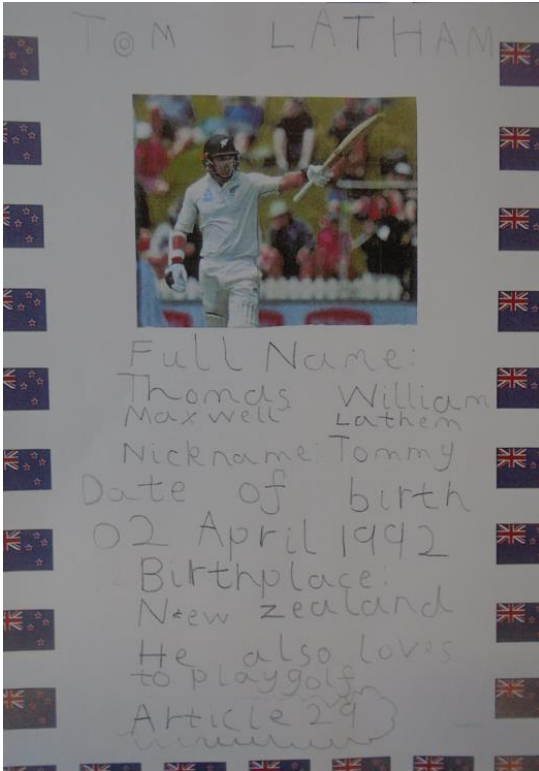
Chloe: "Koalas live in Australia."

Willow: "Australia is in the commonwealth."

KSI:

Year 1

In Year 1, we have been learning about the Commonwealth and what it means to us as a country. We have been learning about the athlete Tom Latham who is a famous Cricketer from New Zealand.



LJ

Isabella - "The Commonwealth is where the Royal Family wanted more money for our country so we take part in games".

Abel - "Commonwealth is going to be in Birmingham at the end of July".

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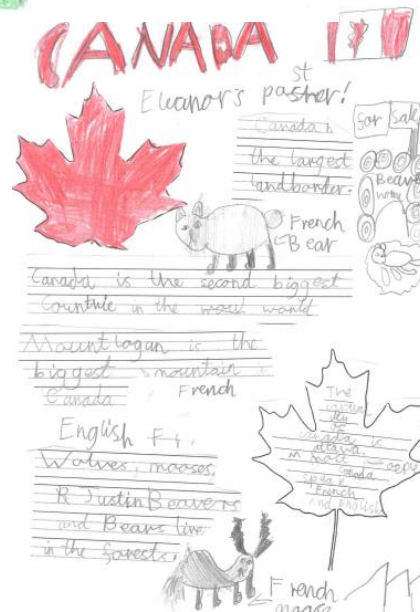
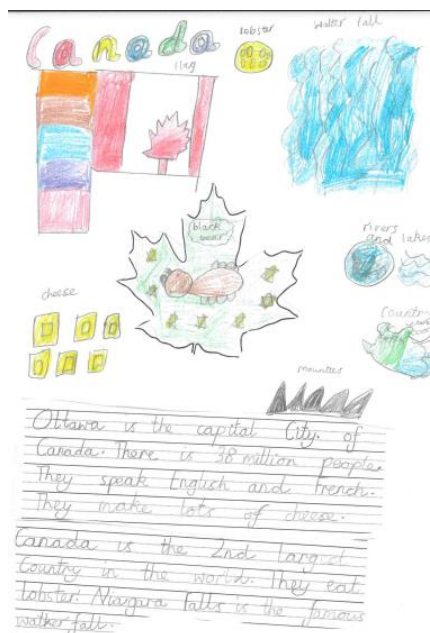
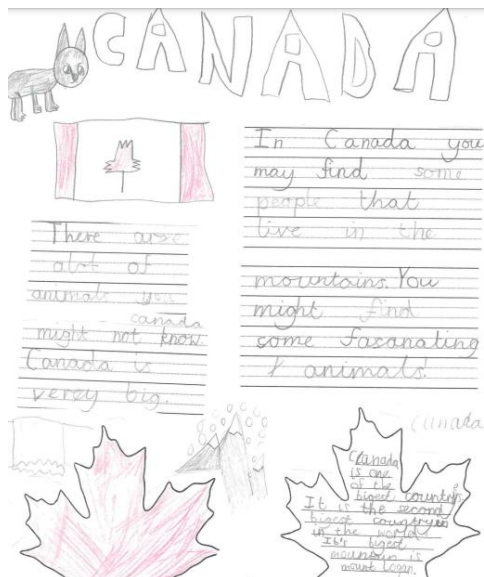
Luke: "Tom Latham plays cricket for New Zealand".

Ekhum: "We have found out that the Commonwealth Games is taking place in Birmingham this year"

Year 2

In Year 2, we have spent this week learning about the Commonwealth Games. We have focused on it in our English lessons. We have done lots of research and have used our Year 2 tools to write about the Games and the countries involved. We've looked in detail at Canada as it is a large Commonwealth country. We have also described what it takes to be a good athlete and created our own Commonwealth Charter.

We have explored the countries using atlases and have enjoyed looking at each country's flag. We have practised some new sports including volleyball, karate and netball skills. We are extremely proud of the way Year 2 performed during our Sports Day, well done Year 2! Thank you to all the parents for your support.



2B

Scarlett - The Commonwealth Games are also known as the friendly games. I've enjoyed learning about the country Canada that is in the Commonwealth.

Hugo- In the Commonwealth games they play exciting sports, and they work together as a team. I have enjoyed learning about the different countries in the Commonwealth and where they are in the world.

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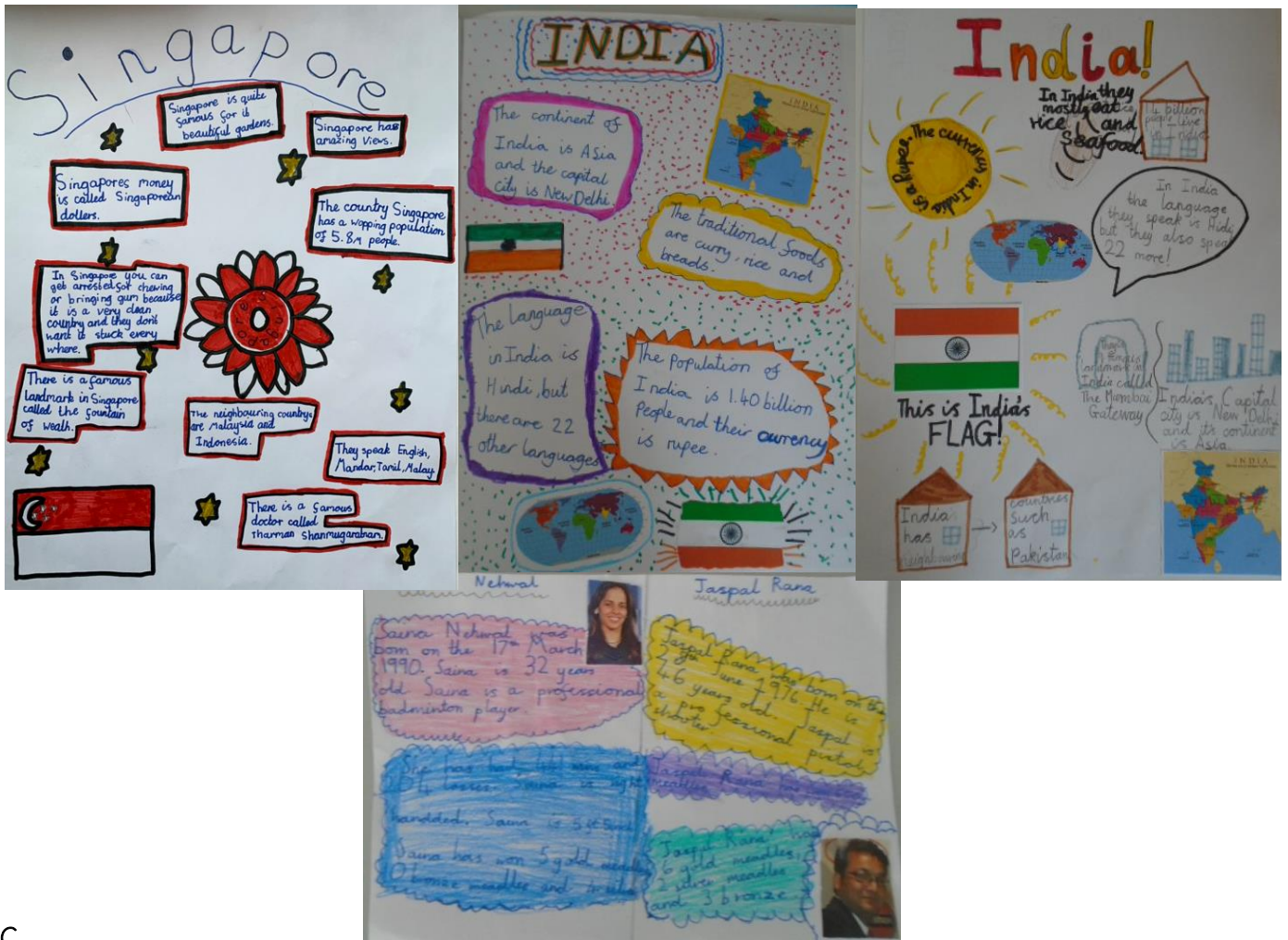
Lucas - I liked Commonwealth week because we got to do lots of different sports. My favourite was volleyball.

Isla - I liked Commonwealth week because we got to do lots of different races and have lots of fun. Exercise makes me feel happy.

KS2:

Year 3/4:

In year 3/4, we have been learning about the Commonwealth and the Commonwealth Games. We have learnt about the history of the Queen's Baton Relay and tracked the route on maps. We have investigated some of the Birmingham venues for this year's games using Ordnance Survey Maps. We have researched Commonwealth Countries and athletes from those countries and produced fact files. 3/4C researched Malaysia, 3/4M researched Singapore and 3/4O researched India. We have also looked at the motto of the Commonwealth; Humanity, Equality and Destiny - and created our own mottos for our own important values.



3/4C

Sophie H: "I've had fun this week and I enjoyed Sports Fay and learning about the different Commonwealth Countries."

Rayarn: "I've really enjoyed Commonwealth Week. I liked the Commonwealth maths activities and really enjoying learning all about Malaysia."

3/4O

Lucy R: "I have enjoyed learning about different sports that I didn't already know about. We had a karate taster lesson from Sensei Lydia and I won the medal for becoming more confident. I was very proud of myself."

Francesca: "I enjoyed learning about Saina Nehwal and Jaspal Rana because of their talents. I enjoyed watching the races in our sports day."

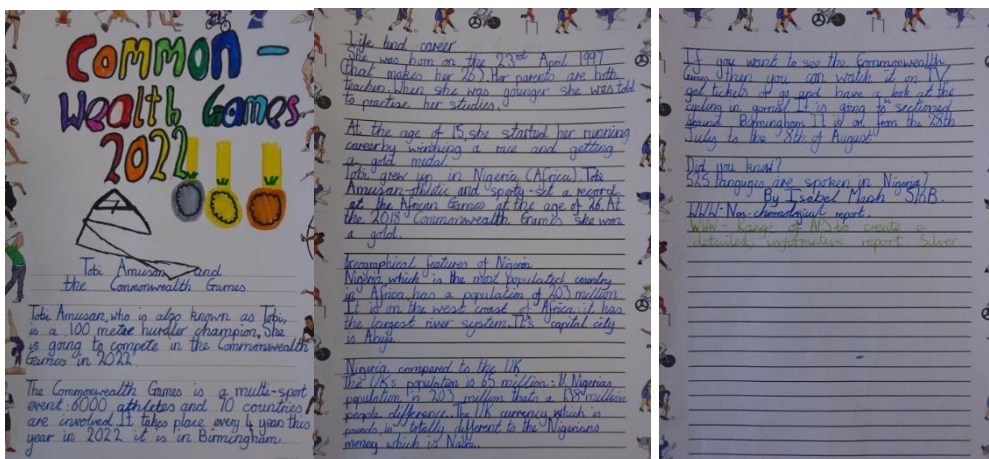
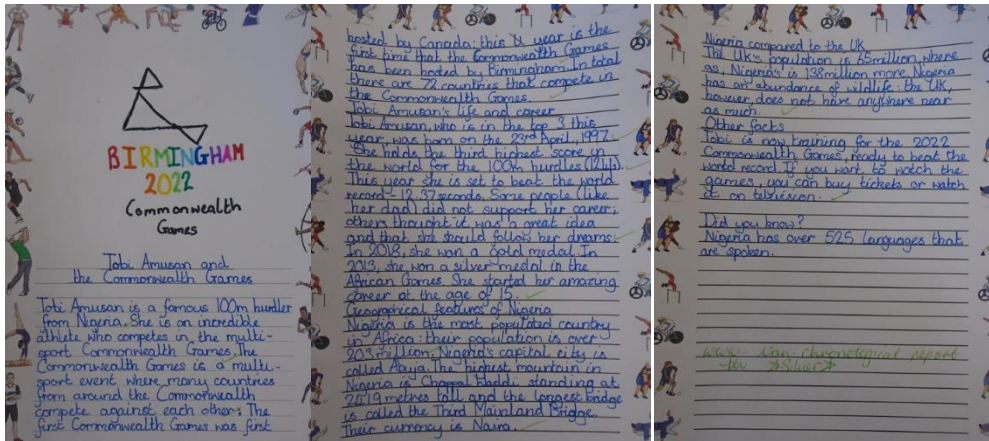
3/4M

William: "I enjoyed making Maths questions for other people using the journey of the baton. I learnt that the Commonwealth was held every 4 years."

Maisie D: "I learnt about the Commonwealth and my favourite part was making a leaflet about Singapore and making an elephant."

Year 5/6

In year 5/6, we have carried out in-depth research into the life of Toni Amusan: a famous Sprinter who will be defending her 2018 Commonwealth title in Birmingham this year. The children recorded detailed notes about her early life, career and achievements. They also studied her home country of Nigeria and used their geographical enquiry skills to find information about the physical and human characteristics of Nigeria and compared them with the UK. This information was used to create a non-chronological report using grammar, punctuation and vocabulary knowledge to write a range of detailed informative sentences.



5/6D

Alexandra: "We have found out all about the 100m hurdler Tobi Amusan and Nigeria, which is her hometown. I didn't know that the athletes only get to compete in them every four years."

Year 5-6D, Kamran: "I have learned that there are many countries that take part in the Commonwealth Games. They compete in various sports including cricket, boxing and athletics."

5/6B

Lola DW: "I liked researching Tobi Amusan and I found it all really interesting. It's good that her mum was supportive and let her follow her dream to be an athlete."

Mylo: "We learnt about the Commonwealth Games and Tobi Amusan who is a famous Nigerian athlete."

5/6R

Holly: "I loved the Karate and I enjoyed practising the side kicks against a pad that was held by my partner."

Ruby: "In English, we learnt about a hurdler called Tobi Amusan. She was 15 years old when she found out that she could run fast."