

Islington Education Library Service

NEWS

Autumn 2020

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Dear All

The start of term has been very encouraging in this challenging year. We have received lots of requests and have been delighted to send resources out to schools again. Please alert new colleagues who may have joined your staff in September about using our service and submit your Autumn 2 loan requests asap.

We are about to relaunch our website www.iels.org with a new look, and easier to use request form.

To support schools and get children re-engaged with reading after so much time away, we have delivered the **2020/21 Reading Road Map** resources early this term. We have been inundated with requests for extra sets of books. There is still time to get started so, get in touch if you aren't yet involved.

Our **Class Reading Sets** have been hugely popular and we have had to increase our budget to purchase the extra sets, to support class bubbles. The class reading set titles are driven by what you - our teachers - request, which is a real positive. The full list of titles will be on our website.

On a personal note, we have missed having teachers visit IELS. We love showing you around our treasure troves! Visiting IELS helps you with lesson planning and gives us invaluable feedback. If you do want to visit to choose resources (no more than 2 teachers at a time please) get in touch to arrange an appointment. We often hold staff meetings at this time of year to remind teachers of our range of services. We can still attend staff meetings by Zoom if you would like our input.

Wishing you all a very well deserved break.
Take care

John Calcott, Head of IELS

We are now delivering loans & taking requests for the

AUTUMN 2 TERM 2020

Please submit your form online

www.iels.org

or contact us: 0207 527 5827

els@islington.gov.uk

IELS Website Update



Loan Request Form

This service is only available to those with a subscription to Islington Education Library Service. (Please [contact us](#) if you would like a 'pay as you go' loan or to start using our service)

YOUR DETAILS:

Name:

If submitting for parallel teachers add their name

Email:

School/Institution:

Insert name and postcode

We will be relaunching our www.iels.org website after half term. It will have a new interface which will be more user friendly for different devices so the Request Form can be easily submitted on mobiles.



IELS READING ROAD MAPS

Do you need extra sets?



Thank you for the wonderful feedback we have received to date on 2020/21 selection of books.

For those of you that require extra sets of books and/or to purchase the Adventure Reading Road Map resources please contact John directly at: john.calcott@islington.gov.uk

← Reading Road Map Books
Yr 5/6 - Can you read all these books?!



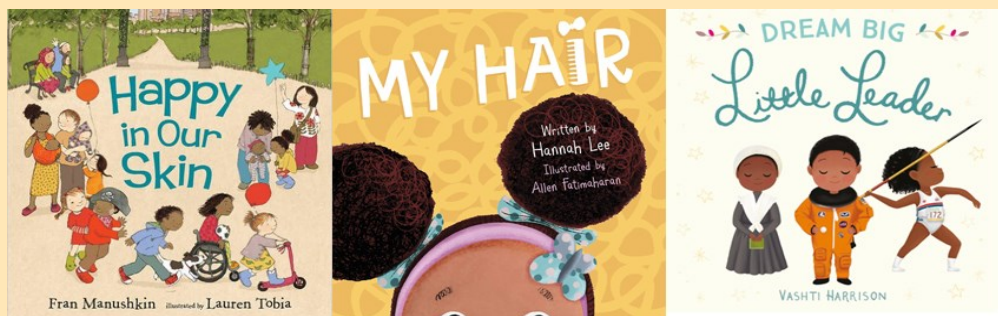
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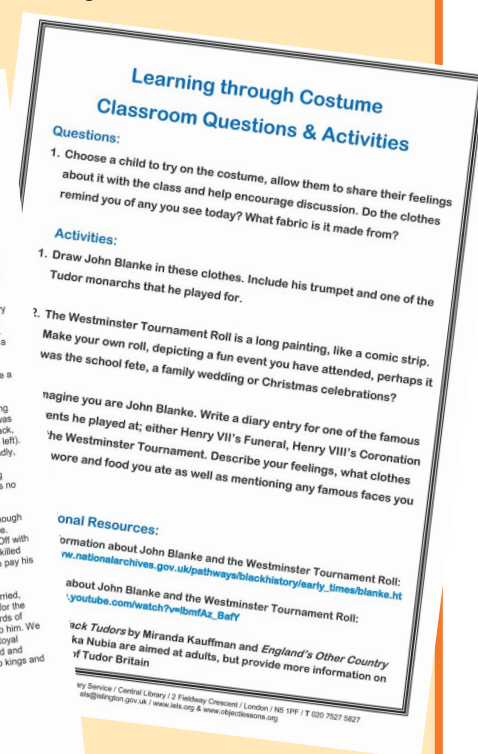
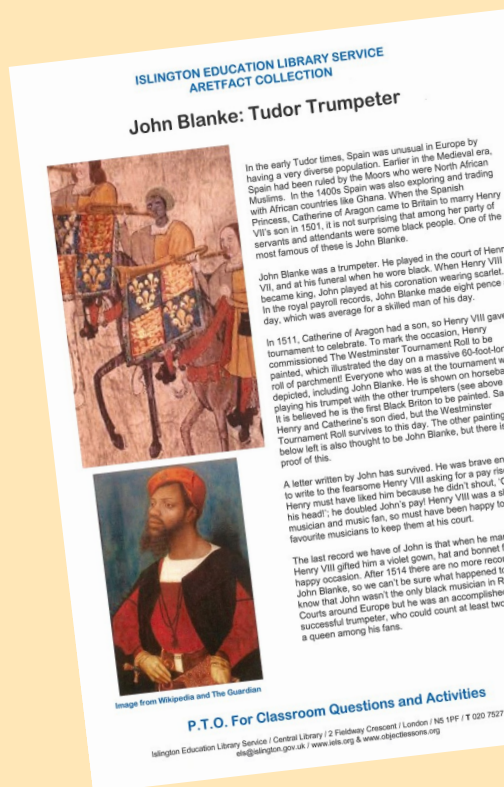
Representing Diversity - Our Commitment

IELS has always had a strong commitment to representing diversity. We have artefacts and costumes from other cultures which have been a mainstay of classroom displays and Black History Month loans. We have been working actively to embed diversity into the curriculum and one positive of the lockdown was the opportunity to research the many contributions of BAME figures from history. Following this work we have now added costumes, artefact props and info sheets on people from Roman times to the present day - with a timeline. We aim to help you celebrate Black History and achievement throughout every year not just in October:

- We have created a **Diversity Reading List** for KS1&2 which has been circulated to all primary schools.
- We have purchased **£15,000 of new diversity books including plenty by BAME authors** — here are 3 of our favourites:



- **Subscribing schools** have received a special selection of the Diversity books in addition to their loans.
- We have created a timeline of **BAME figures for the history curriculum**. For example, if you are studying Romans, you will get a flier about the mysterious Roman Bangle Woman and with a Victorian loan you will get an info sheet and a costume for Sara Forbes Bonnetta (Queen Victoria's goddaughter). Or If you are looking at Antarctic explorers don't forget Matthew Henson. And for Remembrance Day or WWII our info sheets help you investigate Walter Tull soldier hero/Tottenham football player and Garrett Morgan inventor of the gas mask.
- We have commissioned **new costumes**, most recently a replica outfit for John Blanke – Tudor Trumpeter – see attached. We have other character costumes in the pipeline too. All our new costume acquisitions have a learning label with information about the character and historical context and suggestions for use in the classroom.
- Our **black scientists and inventors flier** continues to be very popular with teachers to use for Black History month displays with artefacts.
- We are trying to source more BAME characters for our **Traditional Tales & Fairy Tales** story sets and have commissioned our talented staff to create some specially for IELS.
- Please let us know if there are other aspects of BAME culture and history you would like to teach.



OUR COVID SAFETY MEASURES

- All resources and boxes on return will be quarantined for 72 hours, checked and cleaned
- Library staff and IELS drivers adhere to safe working practice (social distancing, using sanitizing wipes, wearing masks and gloves).
- Loan resources will take into account ease of cleaning, class sizes and suitability.