



Who
MADE
BRITAIN?
YEAR 6



Autumn term 2024

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A GREAT START TO LIFE IN YEAR 6...

In Year 6 our topics last longer than other years, meaning we are only half way through our first topic. This means we have much more exciting knowledge to explore and learn. So far we have learnt about the start of the British Empire, the ugly side of becoming a global empire and where the first English colony was and what did or didn't happen to them! We have also looked at how America gained its 'independence' from Britain and the significance of India becoming a part of the empire.

Our 'Who Made Britain?' topic was an excellent opportunity for children to build on previous topic's learning and to understand, in depth, about Britain's history. The children explored the rise and fall of the British Empire, the countries involved and certain individuals who have helped shape Britain the way it is today.

What is the British Empire?

When did the British Empire begin?

Why did Britain want an empire? What made Britain the richest country in the world?

What is an empire?

Some of the questions
we answered this
term...

What was life like in the British Empire?

What opposition did the British Empire get?

What happened when the British colonised America?

A VISIT FROM THE

History Man

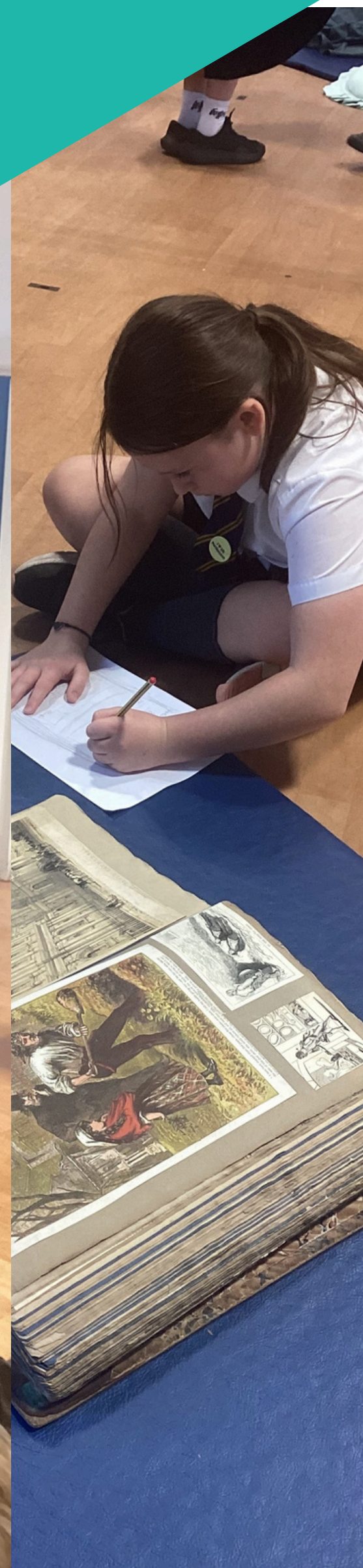
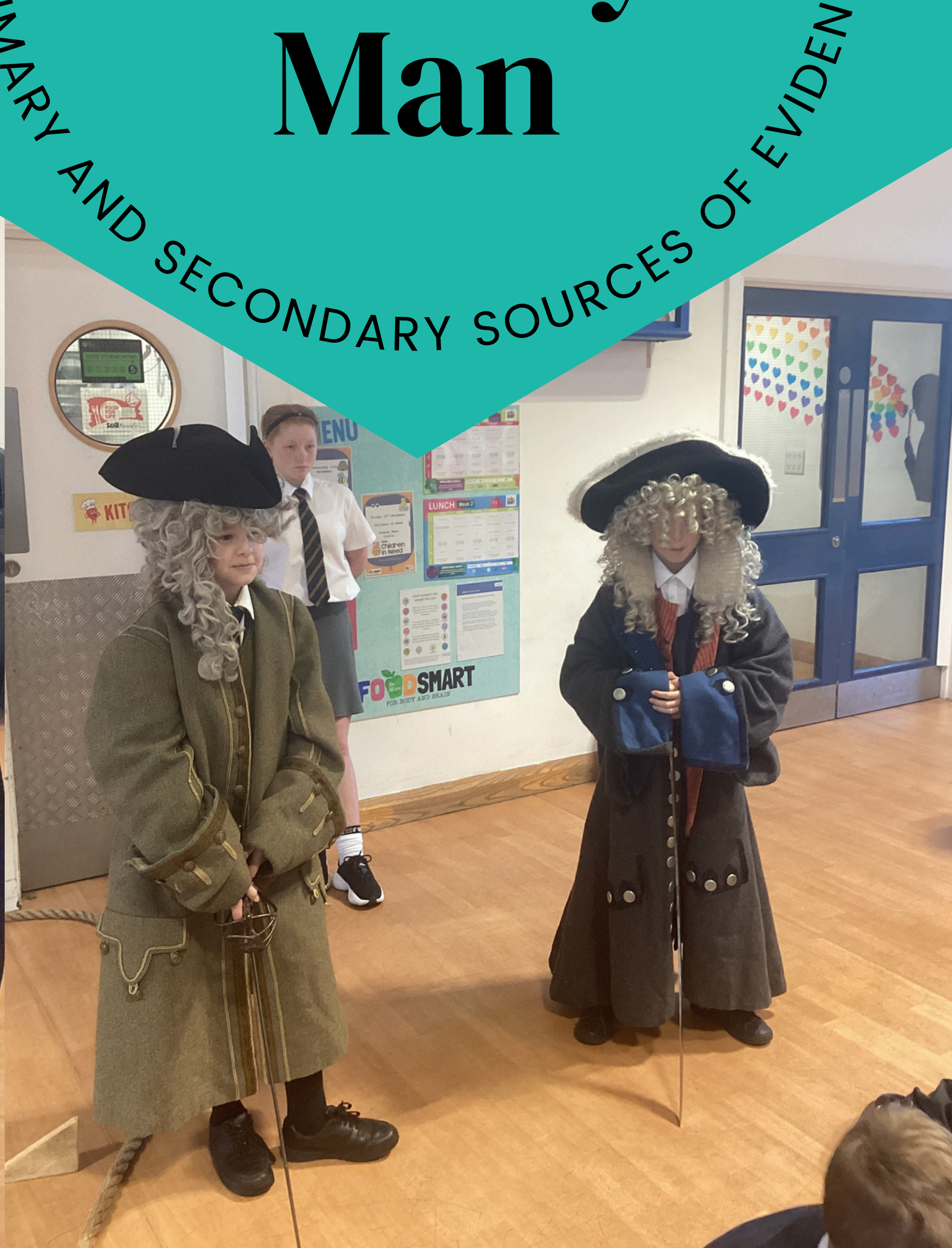
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This term we have been spoilt again by a visit from the famous History Man! The children loved listening to his amazing stories and exploring the journey of the British Empire. Dressing up and delving into the artefacts was their highlight!



The year 6 children visited the imperial war museum, Buckingham Palace and the Houses of Parliament we learned all about how democracy works, how laws are passed and the role of our MP. We also met out local MP, Clare Young, who spoke to us about her new role in Parliament.

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Science



Materials and their properties - Filters

THINGS WE HAVE LEARNT THIS TERM

PE



This term in PE the children have been taught by the specialist sports coaches again. They have been busy learning TAG rugby, the fundamental skills involved to be successful and how to work together as a team to overcome opponents. The children have also finished their swimming block for the year.



MATHS

This term in maths we have focused on place value and the four operations! We recapped a lot of addition, subtraction and long multiplication problems including two and three-step word problems. We even successfully tackled the dreaded long division and have spent many weeks becoming fluent with ALL fractions problems!

Countdown! <https://nrich.maths.org/6499> children love to play countdown as an extra challenge sometimes. We are currently working on level 3 and 4! We have tried level 5 a couple of times but it is very challenging!

We started the year by reading 'The final year' which is a brilliant book regarding a Y6 child who is going through a difficult time during an important final year at primary school – the children were incredibly engaged and regularly asked to read more of it! We have based our writing around class texts this academic year. We have completed narrative writing from books such as 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna and 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan. We have also completed non-fiction writing on Charles Dawrin which is linked to our science topic of 'evolution and inheritance'. The children loved learning about his theory of evolution and completed a biography on his life.

ENGLISH



REVISION BOOKS

You should have received the children's revision books. These books are for the children to complete tasks that link to their school learning. They are designed to help prepare the children for SATs, but more importantly to help prepare them for secondary school.

RE

This unit has enabled pupils to learn in depth from different religious and spiritual ways of life and about hard times, focussing on exploring death. The questions we have looked at during this topic are below:

What questions have you got about what happens when we die? What do some people think carries on after we have died? What is our soul?

Do some people believe that you come back to life as something different? What is reincarnation?

Do you get to heaven if you do things wrong?

What do Christians think happens when we die?

What do people who don't believe in God think happens when we die?

Hedgehog!

We had a visit from 'Harry' the Hedgehog last week which very much distracted the children from their learning!



10(ish) questions to ask your child...

Who is Sir Frances Drake?

How was Sir Francis Drake involved in the early
British Empire?

What is the mystery of Roanoke?

Can you multiply a three-digit number by 2-digit
number (469×37)?

Can you divide 6141 by 23!?

Can you list all the multiples of 64?

What is a pronoun!? What makes a main clause?

What is a relative clause?

What is an empire? What is the British Empire?

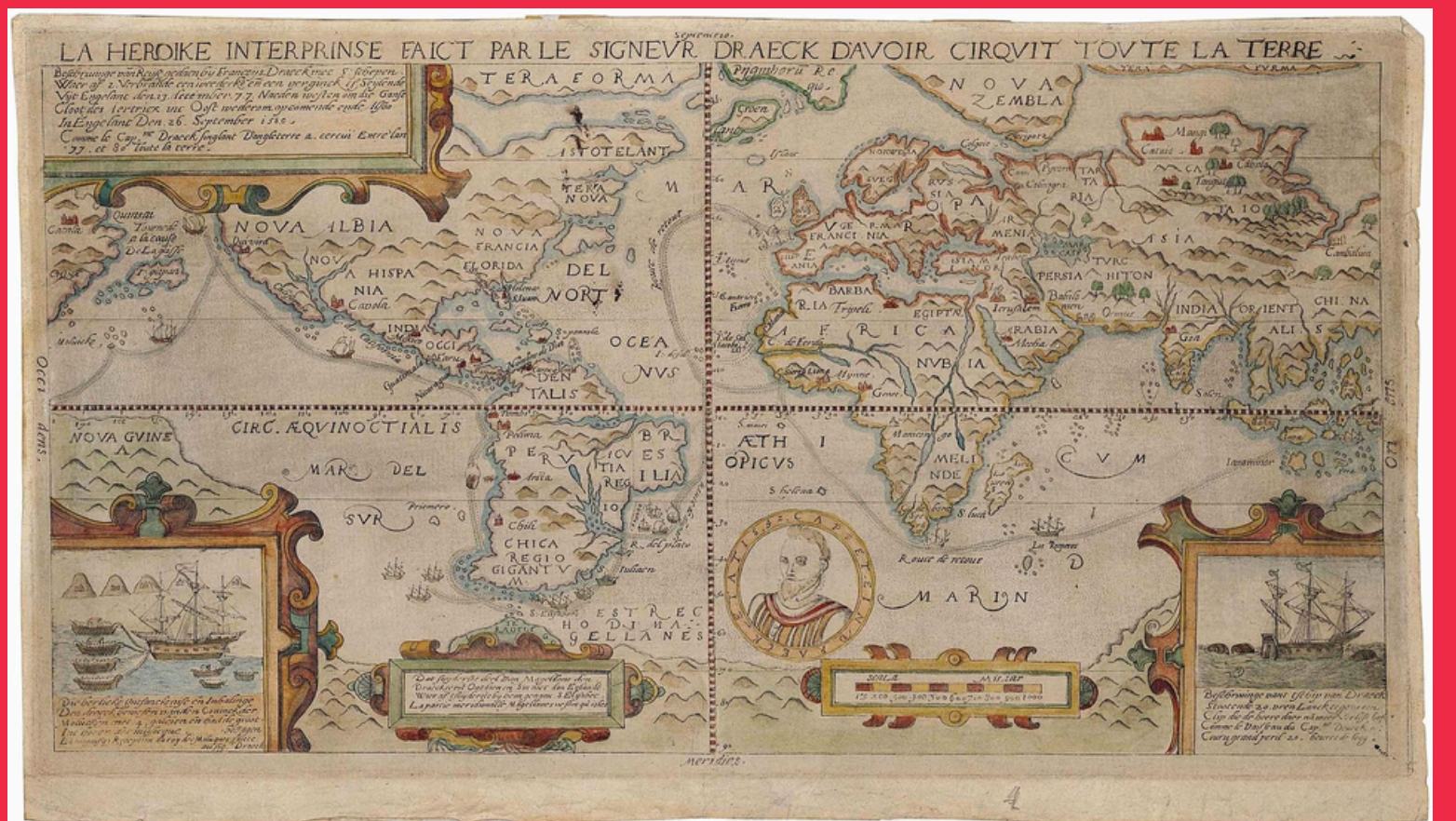
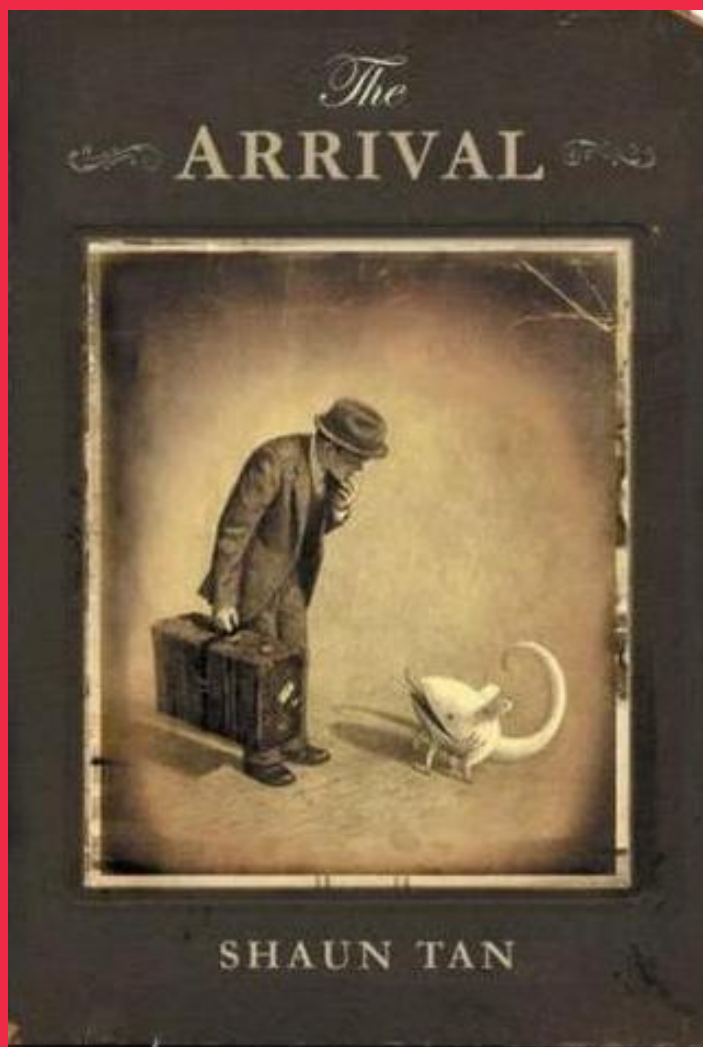
When did the British Empire begin? In its peak, how
much of the world did the British Empire rule?

What are your thoughts on the afterlife?



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WELCOME TO OUR **BOOK CLUB**



Books are a key part of what we do. Maybe you can read our books at home?

The book we are reading this term is:

‘Holes’ by Louis Sachar

Other books you might like are:

‘The Barmy British Empire’ by
Horrible Histories

‘Black and British’ by David
Olusoga

