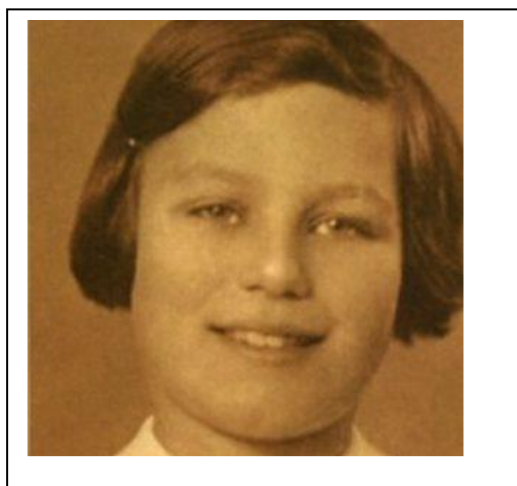


Apologies for the slight change in our timetable, but we had a very exciting offer from a woman who you learnt about before Easter that was too special to miss! In March, Year 6 took part in a workshop on Kindertransport, focusing on the early life of **Vera Schaufeld**, looking at a variety of objects which had been important to her.

Many of you had questions about Vera's life, particularly about what happened to Vera and her life after she arrived in England.

Your task is to write a letter to Vera, asking her 2 or 3 relevant questions. We will forward these on to her. Instructions are on page 2 of this document.



Recap:

Vera was born in Prague in 1930, and in Klatovy, in what is now the Czech Republic. The heart had been given to Vera by her childhood 'boyfriend' who she had to say goodbye to when, to save her life, Vera was sent to England. Vera's parents were called Eugene and Elsa. Eugene was a lawyer, and a leader of the Jewish community in Klatovy. Elsa was a doctor. Vera remembers a happy childhood, and that the family became more observant and kept a kosher house once her grandmother had come to live with them. After Nazi Germany invaded Czechoslovakia in March, 1939, an atmosphere of fear developed and Vera's father was arrested a few days later. Although he was released shortly after things had become more dangerous. The family faced increasing restrictions including having their radio taken away, and Vera remembers feeling very scared. School life became harder for Vera and she was made to feel different. In May 1939, Vera's mother told her she was to travel to England without them, and that they hoped to join her as soon as possible. Vera left in June 1939, by train as part of the rescue attempt organised by Sir Nicholas Winton. Vera travelled without her parents; when the train reached the border with Germany Vera's Uncle Rudolf and Aunt Elsa boarded the train and stayed with Vera until Holland. That was the last time Vera would see them. When the train reached Holland, Vera's parents had arranged for family friends to accompany her to the coast before Vera had to catch the ferry to England. Once Vera had arrived in England she was very home sick, although the family who looked after her were very kind to her. After the outbreak of the Second World War, she lost contact with her parents. Because they were Jewish, Vera's parents, grandmother, and many family members were murdered during the Holocaust. This meant despite wanting to go home it was not possible as Vera had no one to go back to. Vera was later able to visit some non-Jewish family friends in Holland who had kept treasured possessions given to

them by Vera's parents, to pass on to Vera. After qualifying as a teacher, Vera went to Israel and worked on a kibbutz where she met her husband.

Your task is to write a letter to Vera, in your best handwriting, asking her 2 or 3 questions.

Example letter

<p>Introduce yourself and explain why you are writing (you can use your own words</p>	<p>21st April 2020</p>	<p>“Mrs Schaufeld,” because she is elderly and you don’t know her personally</p>	<p>St Michael’s C of E Primary School North Road Highgate London N6 4BG</p>
	<p>Dear Mrs Schaufeld,</p>		
<p>Personal but polite</p>	<p>I am a Year 6 pupil at St Michaels’s C of E Primary School, and learned about your life as child and your journey to England in a workshop presented by Karen Van Coedoren, looking at some of the objects which were meaningful to you.</p>		
	<p>I felt so sad at hearing about you being sent away from your family all those years ago, and I wondered how you coped with it all. I would love to know more about....., and..... and what difficulties you faced here.</p>		
<p>“Yours sincerely,” because you are addressing her by her name</p>	<p>Yours sincerely,</p>	<p>Write your signature then write your name clearly underneath if you are handwriting the letter</p>	<p>2 or 3 questions – you can be very specific</p>
	<p><i>Maria Smith</i> Maria Smith</p>		

Please upload your finished pieces as normal to the MyHomework page. As it is handwritten, you can do this through attaching a photo.

Vocabulary: sincerely restrictions observant : Use a dictionary to check the meanings