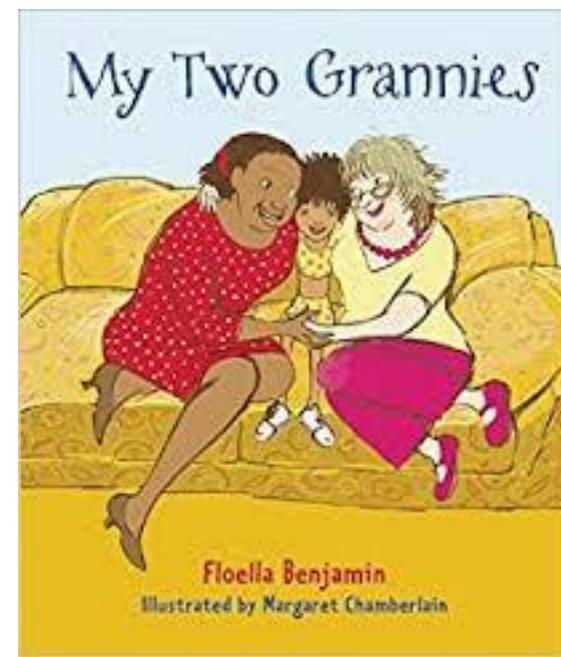


Reception

We read the story 'My Two Grannies' and talked about the family in the story and our own families.



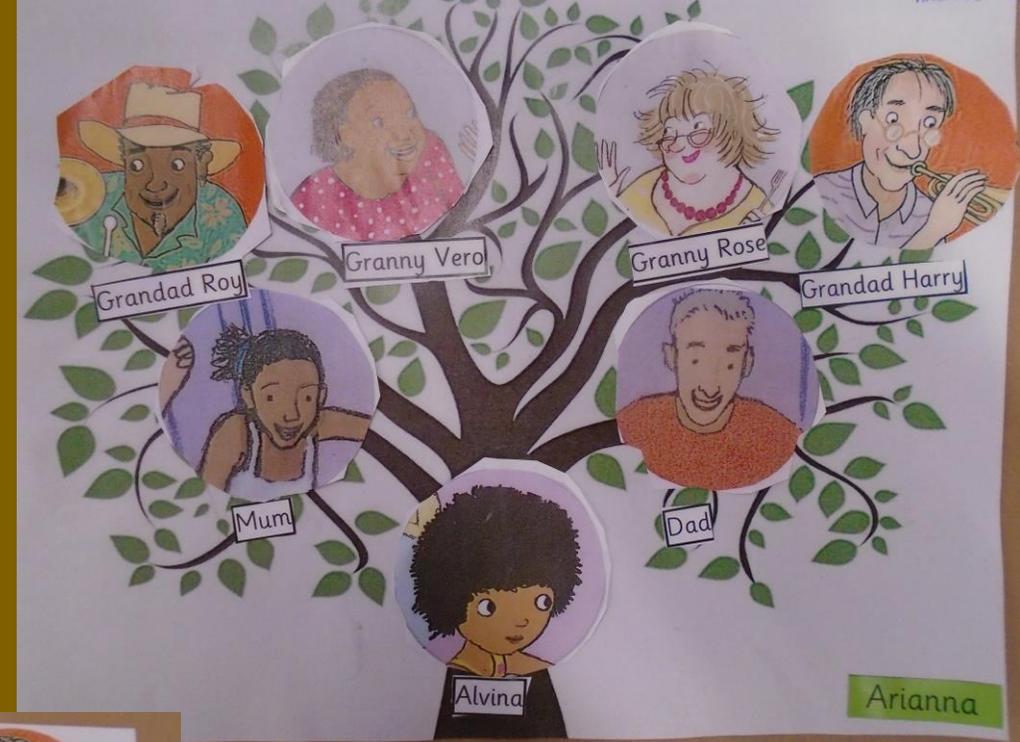
Alvina has two grannies who she loves with all her heart. Grannie Vero is from the Caribbean island of Trinidad. Grannie Rose is from the north of England. When Alvina's parents go away on holiday, both the grannies move in to Alvina's house to look after her. But the two grannies want to do different things, eat different food, play different games and tell different stories. The grannies get crosser and crosser with each other, but Alvina thinks of a way they can do all the things their own way so the grannies can become the best of friends

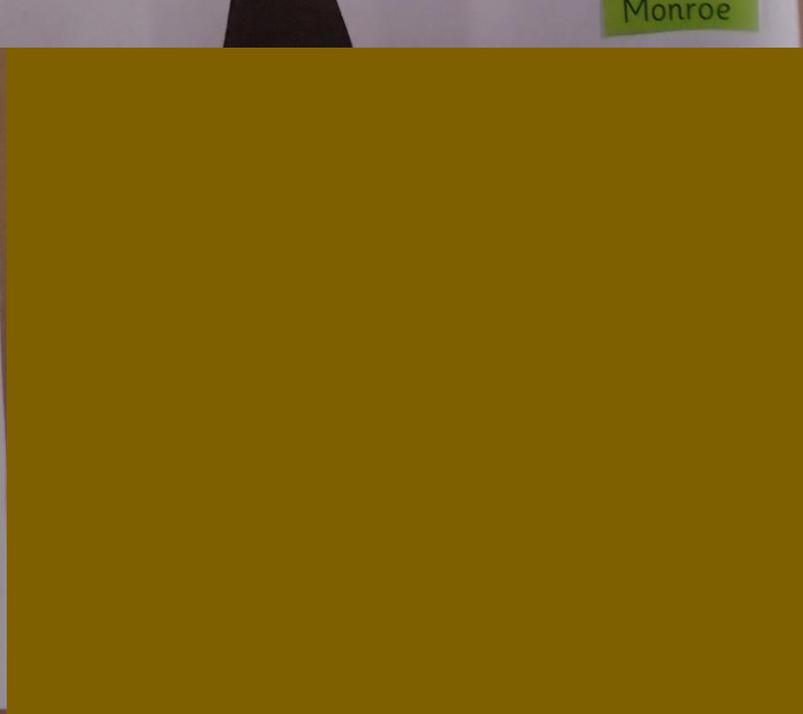
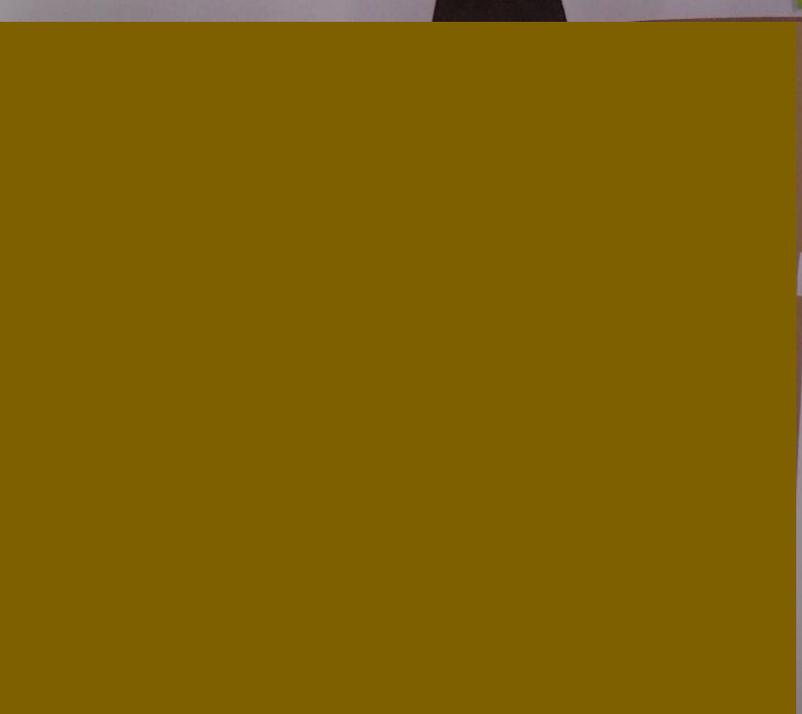
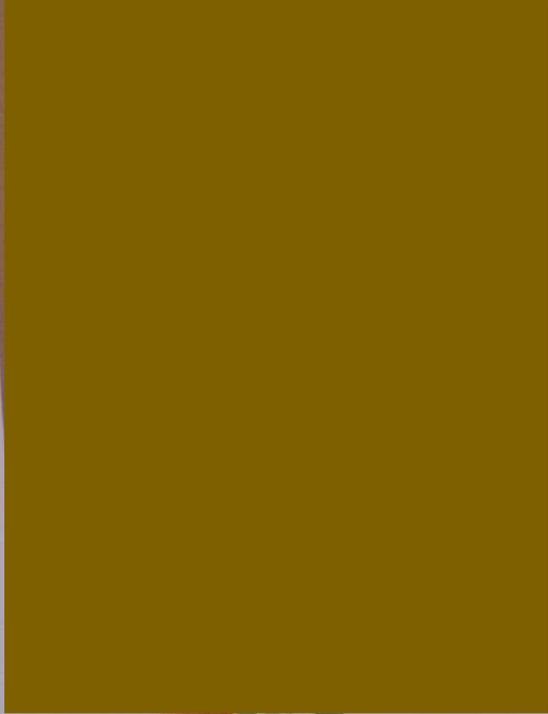
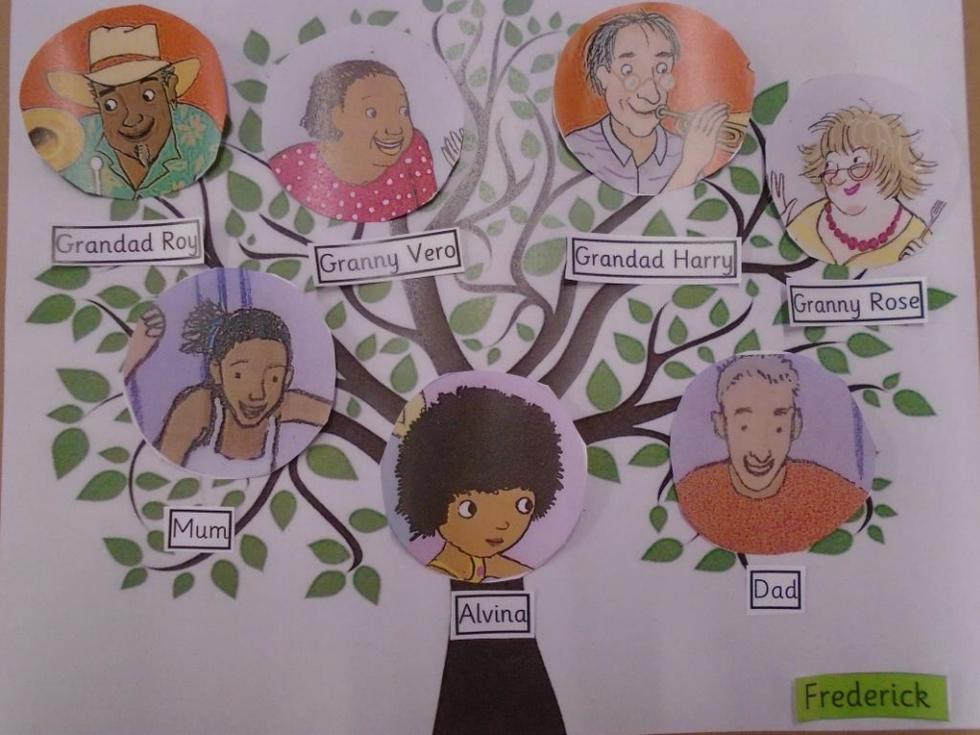
We talked about what a family is and we made family trees to show the different members of the family in the story 'My Two Grannies.' We talked about the different places Grannie Vero and Grannie Rose are from. Claire's family is also from Barnsley like Grannie Rose !

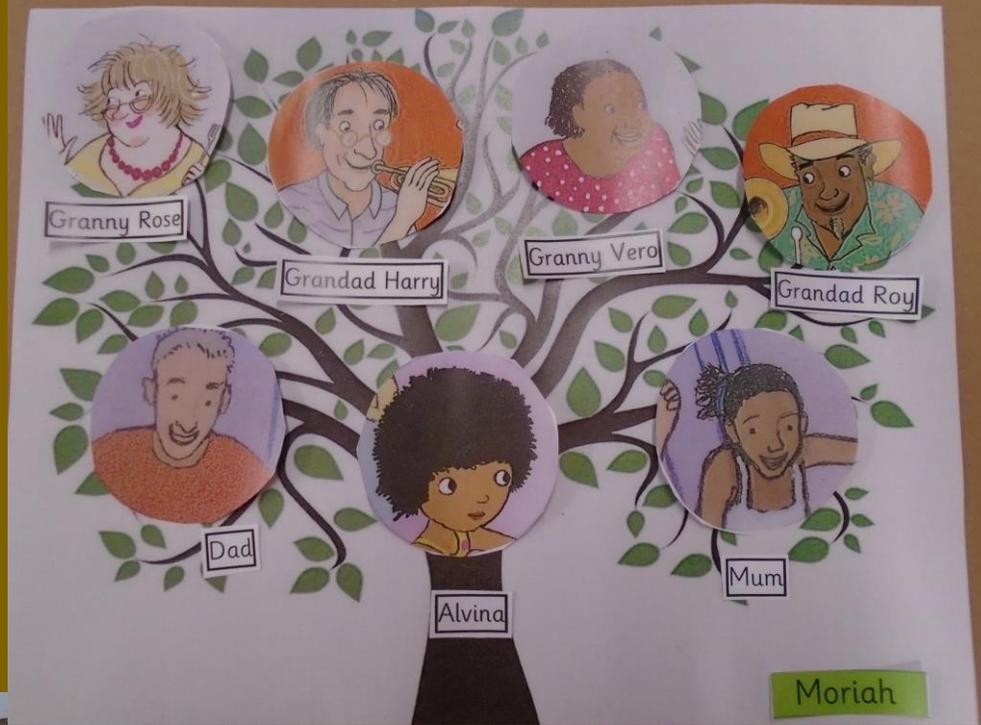
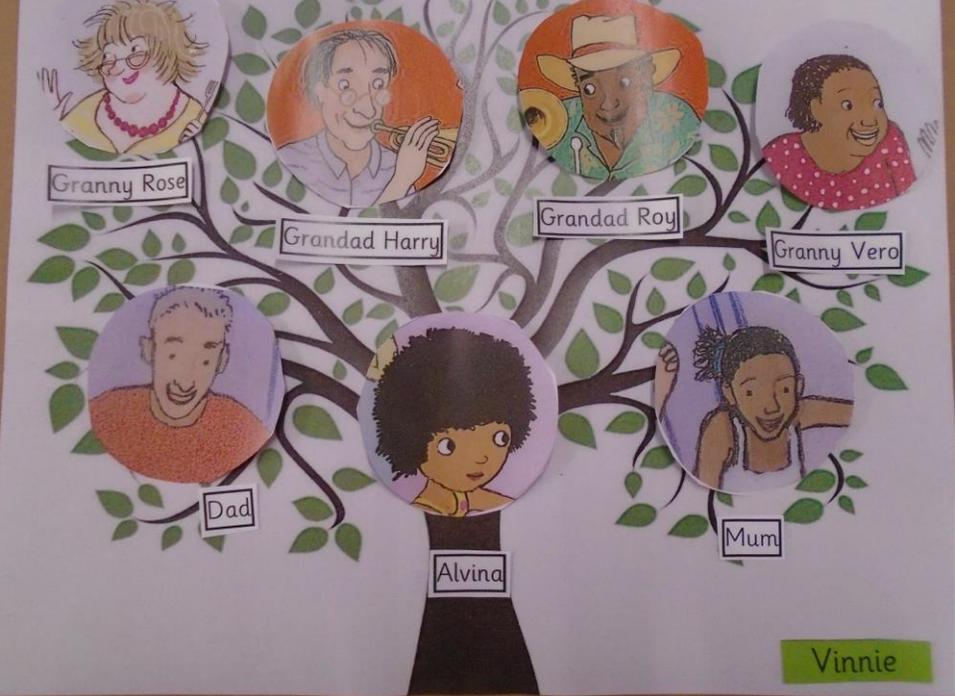
We also made our own family trees and talked about the different places our families are from.







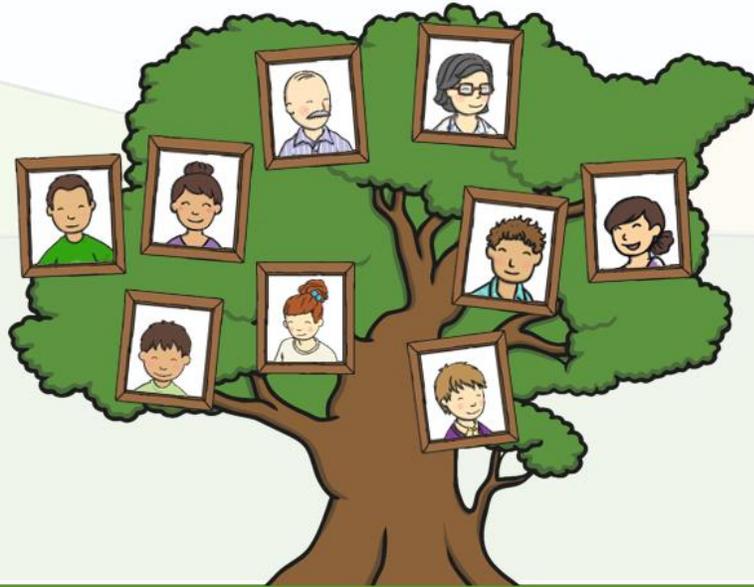






What Is a Family Tree?

A family tree is a way of displaying the relationship between a number of people within a family. A family tree helps us to tell our family story and share information about our past.









Floella Benjamin



We also talked about the author of the story - Floella Benjamin
Floella also wrote another book 'Coming to England' for older children based on her own life.

"I was born on the Caribbean island of Trinidad, in a small town called Pointe-a-Pierre on the 23rd September 1949. My first memory of that wonderful sun drenched Caribbean island was when I was three years old and I treasure those memories. I came to Britain in 1960 and experienced a huge culture shock because I expected everyone to treat me kindly and with respect, but Britain was cold, unwelcoming, violent and bleak. I had to learn to live in two cultures fast if I was going to survive.

My beautiful mother showed all her six children masses of love which gave us confidence. She told us each day before we went to school that education was our passport to life and to go to school and learn everything the teachers told us. I did just that and loved my time at school because my mum set us that goal!

My dad was a jazz musician and a great philosopher. He opened our minds to the world and taught us how to think outside the box."