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Dear Parents / Carers

As I am sure you are all aware, October is Black History Month. As a school we have been thinking really carefully about how we can mark this event in a meaningful and respectful way, whilst honouring the commitment we made during the Black Lives Matter Campaign to diversify our entire curriculum. We would therefore like to share with you our plans to mark this important event.

Over the past few months, we have worked hard as a trust to adapt our curriculum to create a more diverse and inclusive learning experience for all of our children. We have tackled this in a number of ways:

1. We have brought a whole range of new books for our class libraries that help to showcase the different cultures, races, sexual orientations and learning needs within our school communities.
2. We have made sure that each term every class will have the opportunity to explore different cultures through historical figures and significant events.
3. Teachers and leaders are working hard to make sure that Black history is weaved throughout the curriculum, for example, when teaching about the Industrial Revolution this term, Year 6 have not only looked at the Industrial Revolution in the UK but also the huge impact the Slave Trade had on this period of time.

Black History Month is a great opportunity for us to showcase our learning and understanding so far. This has been kick started with a whole school (remote) assembly led by the West Wiltshire Multi Faith Forum. They helped the children recognise and celebrate differences and talked about the importance of inclusivity and diversity.

Over the coming week, within the classroom, each year group will be creating a video which will aim to teach another year group all about the significant figure or historical event linked to Black History that they have learnt about this term. This should be an exciting and fun way for the children to share their learning. Look out on our Youtube channel and Twitter for snippets of this!

We look forward to hearing all about what the children have been learning and we can't wait to share this with you too!

Many thanks,

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