



Headteacher: Mrs Stav Stavrinou

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As some of you may know, last Friday was an officially designated Stephen Lawrence Day and we attended to the subject through an assembly as a way of reflecting on the themes of Equality and Respect.

As part of our British Values agenda, we cover themes on Equality, Justice and Discrimination through in-class discussions, PSHE and assemblies. The aim is to develop our children's confidence and knowledge as critical thinkers on important matters relating to the wider world.

Some of our assemblies focus on inspirational figures, current affairs as well as on real life stories that children may be exposed to through social media and the news. On Friday as it was an officially designated Stephen Lawrence Day, we introduced his biography and subsequently revisited some of the previous discussions on 'equality', 'justice' and 'discrimination'.

Some parents and carers have expressed an interest in supporting their child at home as a result of this input and have asked for ways in which they can help their children to better understand the complexities around 'racism' and 'discrimination'.

We believe that talking at home about such themes is of great importance and we welcome any such opportunities undertaken by our parents and carers. We are therefore forwarding some resources which may be of use to you at home:

- Unicef for Every Child: <https://www.unicef.org/parenting/talking-to-your-kids-about-racism>
- NSPCC-Talking to Children about Racism: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/children-race-racism-racial-bullying/>
- Kids Health: Talking to kids about Race and Racism: <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/talk-about-race.html>
- Barnardo's-Talking to your children about racism: <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/blog/talking-your-children-about-racism>



**Some useful book titles supporting conversations around themes on Race, Difference and Justice:**

- 'Our Skin', A First Conversation about Race by Megan Madison, Jessica Ralli et. al.
- 'SHINE' by Sarah Asuquo
- 'What is Racism?' by Katie Daynes and Jordan Akpojaro
- 'Little Leaders' Bold Women in Black History by Vashti Harrison
- 'Black and British' an illustrated History by David Olusoga

The list is never exhaustive so please feel free to let us know of any further information needed.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stav Stavrinou', written in a cursive style.

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**Headteacher**