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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Black History Month

October is Black History Month in the UK. You can find out more about Black History Month here:

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>

In school we listened to parents and carers who told us that they want Black History Month to be a celebration. They also told us that they want their children to be able to draw themselves, so we are going to be exploring the work of black artists throughout October. We are also putting on Tapestry some home learning ideas for you to celebrate your black heroes. We are looking forward to finding out about people who are important to you.

This celebratory month also sits alongside the work we have been doing to address some of the unconscious bias in school. We now buy 'skin tone' packs of crayons, coloured pencils and felt-tips which are available all the time so that children can draw themselves and their families, friends, and heroes. We have also put more dolls into home corners that have different hair and skin tones. We have invested in books that provide better representation, and will continue to work on all of this.

Last year some parents and carers worked with me on producing a leaflet about talking about race with children. I am sending it out again in case it's helpful at home during Black History Month.

If you have something you want to share with your child's class, please talk to their teacher, and please let us know of anything you would like us to include next year.

Yours sincerely,

Hildi Mitchell, Headteacher

