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Dear Parents and Carers,

Black History Month is once again St. Joseph's focus for the month of October. It is a month during which we highlight and celebrate the contribution that black people have made to our society. This is a special time when we also promote knowledge of black history, culture and heritage.

Alongside our core British values, we will encourage the children to reflect on and explore ideas that promote respect and understanding of one another. We will also consider important historical events as we learn about Black Britons within the class, taking the opportunity to celebrate the lives of positive black role models and the contribution they have made and continue to make. As always, this will be undertaken in an age appropriate and considerate way.

As part of a home-learning project children are invited to select a black role model for Black History Month and explore why they have been such an important influence on our culture. This person may be a sportsman, a politician, a scientist, an actor, a writer or any person who has impacted in a positive way on the society in which we live. The research and information which the children collate will help them to produce a mini-project presented as they wish on their chosen person. We will be asking teachers to provide opportunities for the children to carry out this information-collecting as part of their weekly homework.

At St. Joseph's we are always keen to learn from one another and promote understanding of different cultures and backgrounds. Please do get in touch with your child's class teacher or myself if there is a story, information, artefacts or photographs that your child would like to share with their class, or if you are able to support our BHM work in any way. We would be pleased to receive these contributions.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Bray

Subject Leader for History and Geography