



Black History Month

Cleobury Mortimer Primary School - Black History Month Celebrations,
October 2022



This year for Black History Month, children in classes across the school learnt about important figures or events that are significant, from footballers to mathematicians to poets. We thought about how it is important to remember that October is not the only month in which we learn about Black History and that it is important that everyone sees themselves represented in things such as books, films and on television.

Please see below the different things that the children have learnt throughout October.

Ducklings Class

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Squirrel Class

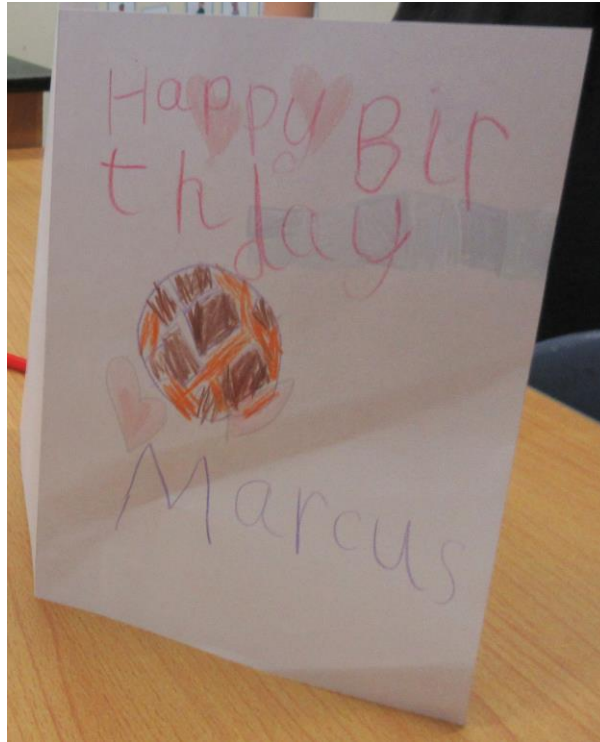
For Black History Month, we began by focusing on what Black History Month actually is, why it is important and why we celebrate it. We thought about what representation is and why it matters, thinking about the importance of everybody seeing somebody that looks like them in history books, story books and in TV and film.

In Squirrel Class, we focused on Marcus Rashford as our influential person. We found out that he is important because during the COVID 19 pandemic, he decided to help families who were struggling by making sure children had enough food to eat if they had free school meals vouchers. He wanted to make sure that children who were at home because of the lockdown were still getting a healthy balanced diet. He did a lot of campaigning and wrote a letter to the government asking for help. His

efforts were so impressive that Queen Elizabeth II even gave him a special award called an MBE! We thought it would be kind to make him birthday cards for his birthday on 31st October, inside we added a message of thanks for his hard work and kindness.

We also learnt about some poems that were inspired by sugarcake, a tasty treat made from sugar and coconut that originated in the Caribbean. We heard poet John Lyons perform his own poem called 'Granny's Sugarcake' and then we performed the poem 'Sugarcake Bubble' by Grace Nichols. This was very enjoyable when we added some actions.



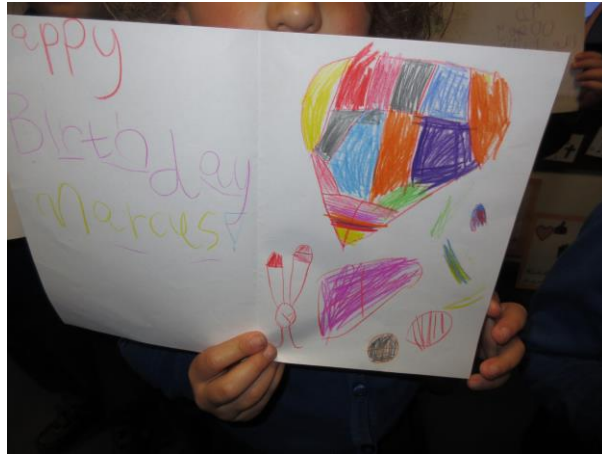


Badger Class

Children have learnt about what Black History Month is and why it is important that we celebrate it. We discussed representation and why it matters that everybody sees somebody like them in history books, story books, and in TV and film. The person that we decided to focus on in Badger Class was Marcus Rashford. We thought he has been important for people in the UK, especially children. We discovered that Marcus Rashford had a hard time growing up and sometimes did not have enough food to eat, so when he was older he wanted to make sure that children across the UK do have enough food to eat, especially in the school holidays. He even received a special award from Queen Elizabeth II for all his hard work and kindness. As it is his birthday on October 31st, we thought it would be nice to write him a birthday card and thank him for everything he has done.

As part of our music lessons, we learnt about sugarcake, a sugary treat that originated in the Caribbean. We found out that lots of poets have written about their love of sugarcake, such as John Lyons and Grace Nichols. We decided to perform the poem 'Sugarcake Bubble' by Grace Nichols, as it was very fun to learn.





Hedgehog Class

In Hedgehogs Class, we looked at the life of Mary Seacole. Mary Seacole was born in 1805 in Jamaica, where she worked alongside her mother learning about making medicines.


When she was older, she funded her own journey to the Crimea to help wounded soldiers in the war.

Mary Seacole used things that we still use today to make medicines like lemons for coughs.

Wednesday 19th October
 Black History Month
 LO Can I say how Mary Seacole had such an impact on medicines and cures?

I can say why Mary Seacole is famous	
I can say where Mary Seacole did most of her work	
I can explain some of the things she did to help nursing improve:	

Born: 1805 Died: 1881
 Place of Birth: Jamaica
 Marital Status: Her husband died
 Occupation (Job): Nurse
 What she did to help nursing improve: She made medicines



Mary helped her mother in Jamaica.
 She went to Crimea with her own money.
 She helped soldiers in Crimea.
 She wrote a book of her life.

Lems for coughs
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Rabbit Class

As part of black history month rabbit class explored the Notting hill carnival. We learnt that Notting Hill Carnival was first held in 1966. It celebrates the rich history of Caribbean culture in London. Once we had learnt all about the Notting hill carnival, children in Rabbit Class then created their own carnival hats using bright colours and different materials.











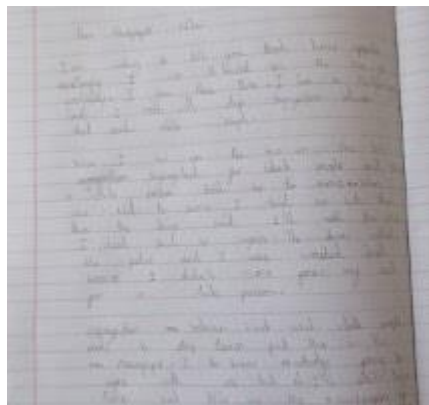
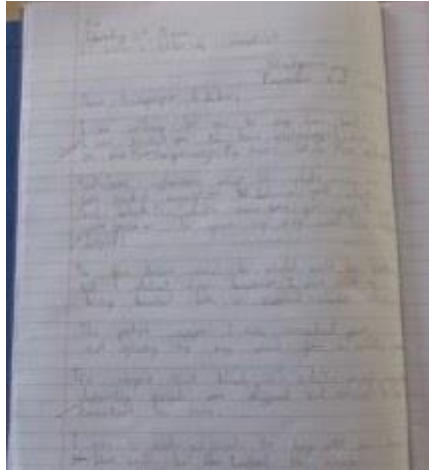
Hare Class

For Black History Month, Hare class have been looking at Rosa Parks. We have been studying her life, and been talking about words like segregation and boycott. The children have been deepening their

understanding through reading and answering questions. We have learnt how tired and frustrated Rosa Parks was. One area we focused on was what type of person Rosa Parks was. We agreed that she was brave, courageous, stubborn, thoughtful and had a clear sense of right and wrong.

Following this, we wrote mock letters to the local newspaper from the point of view of Rosa Parks. We imagined how unfair Rosa Parks must have felt and how tired she was as being treated as a second class citizen just because of the skin colour. We wanted to raise awareness of discrimination.

As a result of this work, we now know how important it is for all people to be treated fairly regardless of skin colour. We looked at why segregation still has to happen today, e.g. football matches, but it is for genuine reasons such as safety.



Kestrel Class

For Black History Month, Kestrel Class learnt about the life of Katherine Johnson:

Katherine Johnson was a famous mathematician. She is known for her work helping astronauts travel into space. However, she was treated unfairly in the 1950s because of her skin colour. But later in her life she got the recognition she deserved and in 2015, she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 2016, NASA named one of their buildings after her.

Here are some of the amazing things she did:

- 1) Her calculations were used to send the first US astronaut in space.
- 2) Katherine helped to work out the flight path to send the first astronauts to the Moon.
- 3) The Apollo 13 mission to the Moon failed after one of its engines caught fire. Her calculations helped to bring them back safely.

The children found this interesting and then wrote their research into paragraphs in their English books.

Mole Class

We began the week by looking at the history of Black History Month and how it came about. We were shocked to learn that black people, even today, are not treated fairly due to the colour of their skin.

We celebrated Black History Month by learning about people who had helped to change the world and made a significant impact on the lives of not just black people but all people. We used the skills we had learnt in computing to help us to research various people, including some we had never even heard of. We enjoyed learning about their stories the impact that they had had in their field of work. We recorded our findings before sharing them with the rest of KS2 in an assembly. We took it in turns to stand up in assembly and explain what we had found out.

After the assembly, we reflected on what we had learnt thought about how we could celebrate Black History Month outside of school.





Deer Class

We started the session by finding out about the origins of 'Black History Month' and were shocked to discover that even today, people are not treated fairly, due to the colour of their skin. Then, Year 6 explored a range of famous black individuals including some that we had not previously heard of.

Next, the children independently researched their chosen individual and identified their achievements. The children produced fantastic fact files which they proudly shared to the school in assembly.

Finally, we reflected on how proud we were to be part of a multi-cultural world and how the people studied influenced how we live our lives.

Everyone is different but we are all equal.

Click on the following links for more information.

[Black History Month 2022: What is it all about? - CBBC Newsround](#)

[Black History Month: Why it's important to me - CBBC Newsround](#)

[Black History Month in Britain: Great women you should know about - CBBC Newsround](#)

[Black History Month: The men who made history in Britain - CBBC Newsround](#)



1 - Researching our chosen figure.





2 - Rehearsing for the presentation.



3 - Rehearsing our presentation.



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