



7th October 2022

Black History Month

Dear parent / carer,

The 1st October marked the beginning of Black History Month and children have already started to celebrate and remember black people that have made a positive contribution in history.

What is Black History Month?

Black History Month is the annual celebration and commemoration of moments in history, achievements and contributions that Black people have made.

Why is Black History Month important to us?

Black History Month is important to us because it is an opportunity for children of all backgrounds to learn more about Black history, significant people and events in history and in present day. It also allows us to support and uplift children from ethnic minorities groups.

Our theme for Black History Month this year is 'Sharing Journeys'. We feel that this theme is perfect for our children as many of our families have made journeys at some point to be in Luton today. This theme will allow children to reflect on their own backgrounds and heritages.

How will we celebrate Black History Month at River Bank?

We have many fantastic activities and events planned to celebrate throughout October. These include: steel pan workshops, delicious changes to the lunch menu, a whole school art activity, year five samba performances and a non-uniform day on Friday 21st October (further details will be sent out via text message). Children will also have the opportunity to learn about significant people and events in Black history and share their own family's journeys.

What can you do at home?

To support your child at home, please share your family's history with them, for example, country of origin, family still living there, who travelled to England, when and why.

Please keep an eye on Twitter, as we will upload pictures from events happening in school.

If you have any questions, please talk to your class teacher.

Kind regards

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