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DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

Black History Month at Westlands Primary School

Black History Month takes place every year in October across the world. The month presents an opportunity for children and young people to learn more about Black History through lessons and assemblies. While we celebrate Black History Month once a year - our learning about Black History doesn't begin and end there. Our curriculum supports learning about black culture through a range of topics including, but not limited to, English literature (through black authors and poets), in our History and Geography lessons - and in Art and Music. During October, children will be having some additional learning around Black History through assemblies, poetry, reading and music. As we are on a break for some of October, we will be starting our Black History Month learning on Monday 25th September.

Share with us!

We would love to celebrate the black cultural heritage of our children at Westlands Primary. Should you wish to come into your child's class and share something, or if your child would like to share, or show something - please speak to your child's class teacher.

Saluting our Sisters - nationwide poetry competition

We would like to flag the opportunity for pupils to take part in a poetry competition for Black History Month, which is being run by www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk. The competition is anchored around the theme 'Saluting our Sisters' The competition reaches out to poets of all ages - from 5 years to adult - so everyone can enter. The poems entered should celebrate the contributions, challenges and legacies of black women. The submission deadline is 15th November and the judging will take place between 16th November 2023 and 2nd February, 2024. Winners are announced on World Poetry day on 21st March, 2024.

For more information go to: [Black History 'Saluting Our Sisters' poetry competition](#)

Download the poetry application form here: [Poetry competition entry form](#)

Perhaps you could write a poem about one of these inspirational women?

Rosa Parks

Baroness Floella Benjamin

Harriet Tubman

Michelle Obama

Mary Seacole

Nicola Adams

Lady Ademola

Betty Campbell

Maya Angelou

Malorie Blackman

Aretha Franklin

Join our school poetry competition

We would love to see any poems that you write too. Our competition opens on 25th September and will close when we return after the half term break.

If you, or your child would like to write a poem for Black History Month, please send a copy into school, so that we can display a selection on our website and in school too. We will not specify a theme; just that the poem should be around Black History. We will award a book token prize to the following categories:

- Best poem - Key Stage 1
- Best poem - Key Stage 2
- Best parent/carer poem

We look forward to seeing your poems!