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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Re: Black History Month

As you all know, October was Black History Month and it was a huge focus for us again this year. At Coopers Lane, we believe in respecting all those in our school, and wider, community regardless of race. UNICEF states that, "Every child has the right to learn the language, customs, culture and religion of their family." Throughout October (and beyond) we spent time learning, discussing and celebrating Black History, including considering how inspirational stories can help shape our own futures.

Every day throughout October, we opened a door on our Black History Month calendar. Each door revealed a news report, story or song that got us talking about race and diversity. We learnt even more about historical figures that we already knew, and we also learnt so many new names and stories from the past and present.

Of course, our learning about the many cultures, customs and religions of our world isn't just reserved for October. We are proud that our ever-evolving curriculum ensures that we are keeping the celebration of diversity at the forefront of our learning all year round.

Unfortunately, we haven't been able to have our annual Black History Month exhibition in school this year to show off all of the learning that's been taking place at Coopers Lane. However, we have created a wonderful film instead, so that you can share in our learning from the comfort of your own home. We hope you enjoy it.

<https://www.cooperslane.lewisham.sch.uk/black-history-month-2020/>

A huge thank you to all of our staff and children for creating the fantastic work that you see in this video, and an even bigger thank you to Katie Maynard (our History Lead and Y5 teacher) for her support with planning all of this learning and pulling it all together in this fabulously celebratory video.

Yours sincerely

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