

Black History Month Spotlight

This year at St Peter's our overarching theme for Black History Month was 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride', which focuses on the resilience, strength, and unwavering commitment to progress of the Black community by celebrating leadership and activism. It encourages us to look toward a future of continued empowerment, unity, and growth.



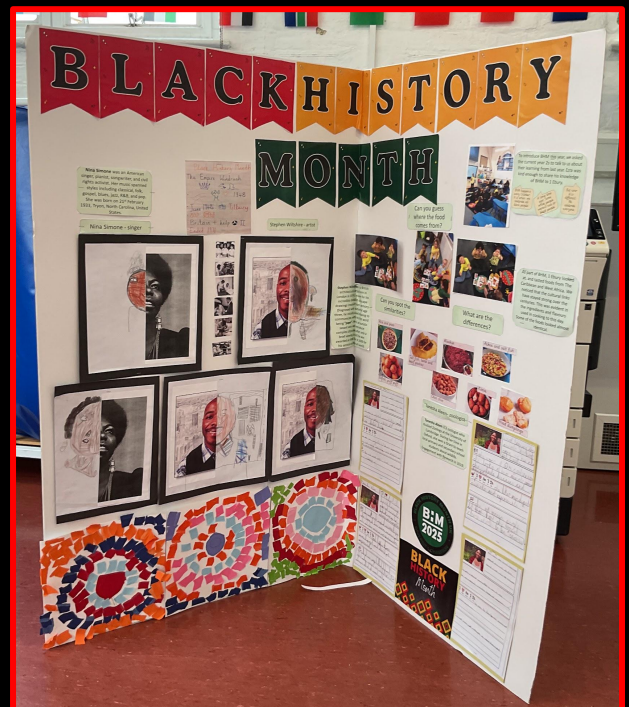
EYFS

This month, EYFS have been learning about inspiring figures including **Mae Jemison**, the first Black woman to travel into space, **Dame Elizabeth Anionwu**, who worked to help children with sickle cell anaemia, and **Mo Farah**, a world-famous Olympic athlete. The children have enjoyed **making rockets**, **designing medical bags**, and **exploring each person's incredible story** through creative play, art, and discussion. They have loved learning how each of these role models showed determination, kindness, and courage!

Year 1

This month, Year 1 learned about **Tanesha Aleen**, a zoologist from London. Tanesha works at the **University of Oxford**, researching badger behaviour and communication. We also learned about **The Windrush Generation**, artist, **Stephen Wiltshire**, and singer, **Nina Simone**. The children created a story map, wrote a fact file, created actions for the poem 'Dreams' by **Langston Hughes**, and explored foods from the **Caribbean** and **West Africa**.

In Art, we explored the work of **Alma Thomas**, who was inspired by nature and leaves. We created our own pieces using **autumnal colours**.



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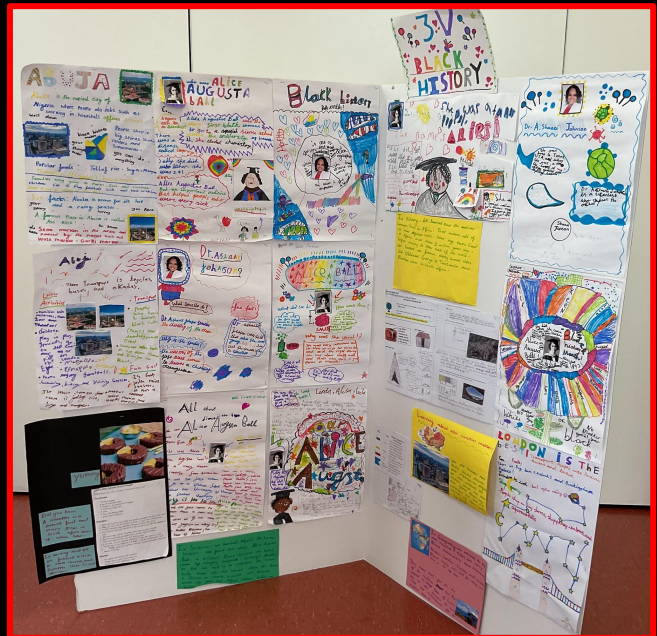
Year 2

This month, Year 2 learned about **Marcus Rashford**, **George Washington Carver**, and **Sir Mo Farah**. We explored how they used their talents to help others and make a difference. The children created story maps, wrote inspiring speeches, and reflected on the values of kindness, fairness, and determination.

In Art, we explored the work of **Kara Walker** and created our own pieces inspired by her powerful silhouettes and storytelling.

Year 3

Year 3 have been busy exploring Black History Month across the curriculum. In Science, they learned about pioneering Black scientists like **Alice Augusta Ball** and **Dr. Ashanti Johnson**, while also studying the human skeleton and marine life. In Geography, they mapped UK cities with rich Black histories, such as **Brixton** and **Liverpool**, and compared the capital cities of Abuja and London. In History, they discovered that all humans have African roots, exploring early human sites like **Olduvai Gorge** in Tanzania.



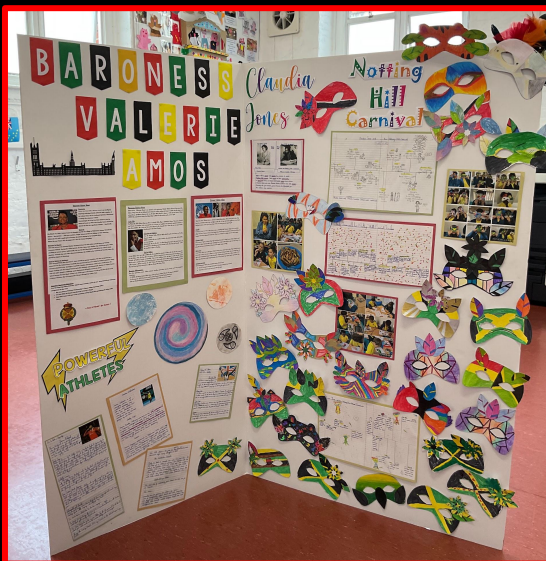
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Year 4

As part of Black History Month in Year 4 we have had a focus on **Levi Roots**. We watched Levi Roots pitch his fantastic jerk BBQ sauce on the popular TV Show *Dragons Den* where he managed to secure a business offer to allow him to grow his company. Levi has inspired us as he demonstrated creativity, determination and resilience while he followed his dreams. We created our own versions of Reggae Sauce and designed a bespoke bottle and label. We have also been writing our own persuasive pitches to present a product to our class and persuade people to buy it.

Year 5: We learnt about **Rosa Parks** and **Harriet Tubman**, who stood up for freedom and equality, **Lonnie Johnson**, who invented the Super Soaker, and **Jean-Michel Basquiat**, who used art to celebrate identity. **Rustie Lee** inspired us to visit **Tatchbrook Market**, we learnt about **biomes**, and made Caribbean fritters. We were also inspired by **Bukayo Saka**, **Stormzy**, and **Benjamin Zephaniah**, who all show power and pride through their talent, courage, and voices and created a class poem.



Year 6

Year 6 has written biographies on **Baroness Valerie Amos**, who was the first black woman to be invited into the House of Lords, and powerful sports athletes (**Serena Williams**, **Marcus Rashford** and **Mo Farah**) who have had an impact on the lives and spirit of British people. As a special study, we looked at **Claudia Jones**, who began the first Notting Hill Carnival, by learning her history and having our own mini Notting Hill Carnival in class - complete with fried plantains and mask making!