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Monday 4th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers



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Re: Black History Month at St. Chad's CE Primary School

The month of October is Black History Month in the UK, and teachers at St. Chad's have planned a series of activities to take place in October designed to explore this area of the curriculum.

During Black History Month, we will be looking at influential and inspirational people in black history and will remember and celebrate the important people from the past and also those who contribute to and help our society today.

Throughout Black History Month, we will focus on a different theme each week and this week we are focussing on STEM (science, technology, engineering, maths). Across school pupils will be introduced to an influential figure(s) who has contributed to STEM. The table below shows you the people that will be studied across school (please note some classes may choose to look at more than one individual). We have included some web links and YouTube links to enable you to find out more about the individual(s) your child will be studying. Please supervise your children if they are viewing any of the YouTube videos or searching for information on the internet.

Year Group	Focus
EFYS	Dr Maggie Aderin Pocock MBE (Space) - Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock is a space scientist whose passion is presenting science to a general audience. https://www.stem.org.uk/elibrary/resource/36774
Key Stage 1	Mary Seacole - Mary is remembered for her incredible and significant efforts caring for British soldiers who had been injured during the Crimean War. https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52661174 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZDfibPtBII
Year 3	Kristina Pearson-Rampearee (Flight Engineer) - Krystina Pearson-Rampearee is a flight systems engineer at BAE Systems, having graduated from the University of the West of England with a master's degree in aerospace systems engineering. Her role involves the design, development and support of a range of aircraft flight critical systems. https://www.womanthology.co.uk/you-dont-look-like-an-engineer-creating-pin-badges-to-celebrate-those-who-dont-conform-to-the-norm-in-stem-krystina-pearson-rampearee-flight-systems-en/ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=THfvT0-81vo





Year 4	Dr Melrose Stewart (Physiotherapist) - Dr Melrose Stewart MBE is a health and well-being enthusiast with a specific focus on the challenges of ageing. She received an MBE in 2020 for services to physiotherapy https://melrorestewart.com/
Year 5	Dorothy Vaughan (NASA) - Dorothy Vaughan was an American mathematician and human computer who made important contributions to the early years of the US space program https://www.nasa.gov/content/dorothy-vaughan-biography https://www.youtubekids.com/watch?v=FUQw47xOTck Benjamin Banneker (Maths and Astronomy) - Benjamin Banneker was an author, surveyor, landowner and farmer who had knowledge of mathematics and natural history https://www.ducksters.com/biography/scientists/benjaminbanneker.php https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKnwyVR4P88
Year 6	Gladys West (Development of GPS Technology) - Gladys West is a mathematician known for her contributions to the mathematical modelling of the shape of the Earth. Her work contributed to the development of the Global Positioning System (GPS). https://www.britannica.com/biography/Gladys-West

Next week, we will be concentrating on 'The Arts' and we will share with you the focus of our week at the beginning of next week.

We would welcome contributions from any parents who would be willing to come into school to talk to their child's class or share information about their heritage. If you would be willing to do so, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Best wishes

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