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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Celebrating Black History Month @ TVI

At Thames View Infants we are incredibly good at celebrating and valuing the rich diversity of our school community. Whether it's through the many family events we host or the variety of cultural experiences children are exposed to as part of the curriculum, it's hugely important that everyone at our School feels valued and represented.

In this spirit, throughout October we will be celebrating **Black History Month**. Children will have lots of opportunities to learn about the contribution Black Communities have made to shaping our country and our communities, and to have fun.

Across the month, each Teacher will lead a special assembly, sharing stories of Black and Mixed Heritage people who've inspired them. They may be famous inspirational figures, lesser-known heroes, or even family and friends who have made a difference in their lives. Sharing these narratives will help to showcase and celebrate the impact diversity has on our communities.

### Superhero Day

It's also **Superhero Day** next week, on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. We're encouraging children to come dressed up as someone who has inspired them. Have a chat about this at home and see what ideas you have. And as always with dressing up, please don't put too much pressure on yourselves, just use what you already have at home. It'll be a fun day for everyone!



### Black History Month Exhibition

We will have special lessons across the month that lend themselves to learning about Black History. Each class will work together on a project centred around a key individual from the Black Community. We'd love for you to see what we've been learning about and invite you to our Black History Month Exhibition in November – more information coming soon.



### Shared Lunch

We'll also be hosting our first Shared Lunch of the year on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October. These are always hugely popular and a great opportunity to come together and share some great home cooked meals. We will be in touch nearer the time with all the information.

We are packing in as many opportunities as possible. We will be having a carnival during the school day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October, which will also be Diwali. All children can come to school wearing their cultural outfits with pride – this can of course mean party and colourful clothes, too.

Although Black History Month only happens once a year, at TVI we make sure that our curriculum supports this learning all year round, just as we do with all cultures that make up our rich and diverse community.

We'd love for our families to be involved and if this is something you can help us with then please speak with your child's class teacher and we'll be in touch – sharing stories (in any language you wish), talking to us about life in your country, or simply joining in with your child's class, we'd love to have you.

If you'd like to know a bit more about what we're doing then please do come in and ask.

Yours sincerely,



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