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*Be strong and
courageous.....for
the Lord your God is
with you*

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Dear Parent/Carer,



Black History Month in the UK is October. During this time, we celebrate the history, arts and culture of black people. Awareness of, and education about, the history of white people is well-established, but black history is underreported and underrepresented. Dedicating a month to it every year helps redress that balance. This we have decided to link our learning of Black History to our Christian vision and our theme will be ***‘Strong and Courageous people from Black History- past and present!’***

At HWCE, we wish to celebrate the diversity within our school and would welcome any parents or family members that would like to share their own heritage or introduce a black person that they think the children should be aware of. If this is something you would like to be a part of, please email the office, outlining what you would like to share and when in October is suitable for you.

As we have done in recent years, to extend the learning about black history further, homework set this week will be around our theme. The homework will be issued on Friday 3rd October and be due in by Wednesday 15th October. We hope by giving nearly 2 weeks to complete the homework, we are showing its importance and that will be reflected in what the children manage to produce. Children from each class will be chosen to share their homework with the rest of the school in a very special ***‘Strong and Courageous ceremony’*** where we will be able to celebrate the role models the children have learnt about.

Celebrating ethnic diversity is not just a focus for this month. The curriculum across the school is continually being developed to ensure it is inspirational for all and reflective of the world around us. For further help in with starting important discussions with your children, follow this link for high quality book recommendations, including biographies, non-fiction, books that open conversations about racism and books that represent BAME main characters. <https://www.booksfortopics.com/black-lives-matter>



I look forward to sharing some of the wonderful work completed by the children this October via our school social media accounts and on our website.

Yours sincerely,

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