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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **CURRICULUM HEADLINES**

These are now available to view on our website: <https://www.spjs.org/weekly-curriculum-headlines.php>

### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

In our whole school assembly on Friday we introduced the school to Black History Month and the reason why it is celebrated in the UK and America. This year it is the 35th year that this has been celebrated in the UK. We watched this clip:

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/63114341?collection=cbbc-top-picks-today#xtor=CS8-1000-\[Discovery\\_Cards\]-\[Multi\\_Site\]-\[GR05\]-\[PS\\_NEWSROUND~N~~A\\_NewsroundBlackHistoryMonth\]](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/63114341?collection=cbbc-top-picks-today#xtor=CS8-1000-[Discovery_Cards]-[Multi_Site]-[GR05]-[PS_NEWSROUND~N~~A_NewsroundBlackHistoryMonth])

Why not ask your child what they learnt?

We also looked at a range of influential people including Usain Bolt, Beyoncé, Lewis Hamilton (MBE), Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr. We listened to a woman remembering how, as a girl, she was taken by her father in 1963 to Washington to hear Martin Luther King's speech - 'I have a dream' and the impact it had on her. We then reflected on what it meant for us to treat people fairly and how things have changed for the better.

Your child may want to watch the following clip from Horrible Histories about some of Oti Mubuse's favourite clips from the series:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQezQJKd3oM>

### **MUSICIAN OF THE MONTH**

The children were introduced to October's musician of the Month – Nina Simone. In assembly we listened to the song, 'My Baby Just Cares for Me' and discussed the musical instruments that were played and the style of music – jazz.

Your child may want to join the 'Music Room' on Google Classroom by using the code: bk65uxr

Here they will be able to listen to the soundtracks we listen to each week and share what they think with other children in the school. They will also find useful information about the musician.

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATIONS**

Just a reminder that any Harvest Festival donations should be brought into school on Monday 10th October/Tuesday 11th October. Children in school will have a harvest assembly on Wednesday morning and then your donations will be taken to the Sutton

Food Bank to support local families in need. They are most in need of the following items:

- Sponge puddings
- Tinned vegetables
- UHT milk (Semi-skimmed and whole)
- Shower gel, shampoo, deodorant
- Instant noodles
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned soups & cup-a-soups
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned spaghetti in tomato sauce
- Rice pudding
- Small jars of coffee
- Long life orange juice
- Biscuits
- Sugar
- Small chocolate bars

### **PICK UP TIME**

We would be most grateful if parents could vacate the playground promptly at the end of the day so that the school premises can be secured to ensure the safety of the children who are still on site at school clubs.

### **PARENTS' EVENING SURVEY**

As you will have seen on our diary dates, we have Parents' Evenings coming up after half term. We would be very grateful if you could complete the short survey on the Google Form below to help us decide whether the meetings will be in person or by video call.  
<https://forms.gle/hWvh9vs263e5CYS48>

### **TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS**

Your child will bring home a slip in their home/school book on Monday/Tuesday this coming week, letting you know how often they have been completing their TTRockstars homework in the month of September. Well done to all the children who have been completing it regularly - we know that quick recall of times tables helps children in other areas of maths and overall mathematical attainment.

See you in the morning.

Mrs Lamy and the SPJS Team