

Hi Year 3s,

I hope you're all still keeping well. I had a birthday last week! It was strange celebrating in lockdown but I still managed to have a great time! Everyone from school spoiled me on Friday. I hope everyone who has had a birthday since I last saw you managed to have a good one - I owe you a dip in the birthday box when we return.

Something really important is happening at the moment and I think it's interesting to learn about. I have been teaching the children who have been coming into school about it. It's called the 'Black Lives Matter' movement; you may have seen it on the news or heard it on the radio. The news can be scary to watch so I would encourage you to use a child-friendly version like Newsround. Anyway, this is a really good



opportunity for you to learn about important black figures throughout history and, more importantly, about inequalities that happened in the past but also inequalities that are still happening today. You could research people like Rosa Parks, Barack Obama, Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela and learn about their fight for equality, against oppression. Education is key here so please look into this issue and discuss it with others. Below are some useful links to help your research:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52813673>

<https://www.familyeducation.com/fun/black-history-month/top-15-childrens-books-black-history-month?slide=1#fen-gallery>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjkj382/articles/zkhknrd>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjkj382/articles/zknmrj6>

<https://neaedjustice.org/black-lives-matter-school-resources/>

I would love to hear about your views and what you have found out. Please email me at alovera@st-james.derbyshire.sch.uk

Some other activities to keep you busy include:

- Maths - We are continuing with our work on fractions. See 3 sheets below focussing on tenths. Also continue to work on fractions in a practical way such as finding fractions of objects.
- Spelling - If we were in school, we would have been learning about prefixes 'super' and 'auto'. Use this website to practise these words. There are some activities listed on the website https://www.spellzone.com/word_lists/list-153415.htm
- Topic - See below for information on crocodiles and alligators; also use the internet and information books to support your research. I would like you to write about the similarities and differences the animals have. You can record this however you like.

Stay safe my loves,

Miss Graham x