

Diversifying the curriculum

This document has been produced to support Merton schools in considering how they might broaden their curricula, integrating wider British and World history so that all pupils are able to see themselves in their school's curriculum offer. This work is suggested in addition to any projects carried out for Black History month and should acknowledge the contributions of all cultures and ethnicities in Modern Britain.

Some of the materials will need careful thought before they are shared and discussed with children.

History KS2	
https://www.100greatblackbritons.co.uk/docs/black%20people%20in%20Britain-before%20the%20slave%20trade.pdf https://www.100greatblackbritons.co.uk/docs/introductiontoblackleadersinbritain.pdf	
The Romans 	https://www.history.co.uk/article/the-history-of-black-britain-roman-africans http://www.romansrevealed.com/index.html https://blackpresence.co.uk/first-black-person-england/
The Tudors 	https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/author-and-historians/black-tudors-a-peak-into-the-lives-of-ten-people-of-the-african-diaspora-in-tudor-britain/#:~:text=They%20came%20to%20England%20from,paid%20wages%20like%20other%20Tudors. https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/pathways/blackhistory/early_times/blanke.htm - John Blanke, Trumpeter https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/pathways/blackhistory/early_times/settlers.htm https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/pathways/blackhistory/early_times/elizabeth.htm http://www.blackhistory4schools.com/tudors/

<p>The Victorians</p> 	<p>https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/learn/teaching-resources/-learn-black-lives-in-britain/ https://edition.cnn.com/style/article/black-chronicles-ii/index.html https://eastendwomensmuseum.org/blog/annie-brewster-the-london-hospitals-nurse-ophthalmic – Annie Brewster https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-south-asia-12670110 - Abdul Karim & Queen Victoria http://www.blackhistory4schools.com/1750-1900/</p>
<p>History KS1</p>	
<p>Significant people</p> 	<p>https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/pathways/blackhistory/early_times/blanke.htm https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/real-stories/the-african-princess-sarah-forbes-bonetta/ https://www.pbs.org/education/blog/ten-black-scientists-that-science-teachers-should-know-about-and-free-resources - Mae Carol Jemison – first African American woman in space https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/mary-mahoney - Mary Eliza Mahoney https://eastendwomensmuseum.org/blog/annie-brewster-the-london-hospitals-nurse-ophthalmic - Annie Brewster https://www.history.com/news/8-black-inventors-african-american#:~:text=The%20light%20bulb%20itself%20was,African%2DAmerican%20inventor%20Lewis%20Latimer. https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/bessie-coleman</p>
<p>Explorers</p> 	<p>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pedro_Alonso_Ni%C3%B1o – Pedro Alonso Nino, Columbus' black navigator https://www.havehalalwilltravel.com/the-stories-of-these-6-incredible-muslim-explorers-will-inspire-you-to-travel</p>

Science KS2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtlLcA0ww-Y> – Inspiring Scientists: Scientist's childhoods

<https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/collection/4372/inspiring-scientists?page=1>

Animals including humans Yr 6	https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/elibrary/resource/228608/mah-hussain-gambles https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/elibrary/resource/228613/mark-richards#&gid=undefined&pid=1
Electricity Yr 6	https://www.stem.org.uk/elibrary/resource/36775#&gid=undefined&pid=2
Light Yr 6	https://www.stem.org.uk/elibrary/resource/36773#&gid=undefined&pid=3 http://www.ibnalhaytham.com/discover/who-was-ibn-al-haytham/
Properties and changes to materials Yr 5	https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/elibrary/resource/228607/harry-bhadeshia
Earth and Space Yr 5	https://www.stem.org.uk/elibrary/resource/36774
Animals including humans Yr 3	https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/elibrary/resource/228594/charlotte-armah#&gid=undefined&pid=1
Rocks & fossils Yr 3	https://www.sciencebuddies.org/blog/stem-for-everyone-geerat-vermeij – Geerat Vemeij, blind paleontologist

Maths KS2

Volume

<https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/elibrary/resource/228613/mark-richards#&gid=undefined&pid=1>

Algebra	https://www.famousscientists.org/muhammad-ibn-musa-al-khwarizmi/
Geometry	https://www.atm.org.uk/write/MediaUploads/Conference/2019%20Conference/Speakers/Art_in_the_Mathematics_classroom.pdf

“Children’s books can act as mirrors, to reflect the readers’ own lives, but also as windows so readers can learn about, understand and appreciate the lives of others.”

Representation of people of colour among children’s book authors and illustrators, Booktrust April 2019

English

There were 11,011 children's books published in the UK in 2018. Of these 743 featured BAME characters. 7% of the children's books published in 2018 featured BAME characters, up from 4% in 2017. 4% of the children's books published in the UK in 2018 had a BAME main character, up from 1% in 2017. Over a quarter of the books submitted only featured BAME presence in the form of background characters.
Reflecting Realities, CLPE September 2019

33.5% of pupils of primary school age are of minority ethnic origins
Schools, pupils and their characteristics, January 2019

The following websites provide booklists to support schools in developing diversity in the texts they share with pupils.

- <https://equaliteach.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Reflecting-Diversity-in-the-Classroom.pdf>
- <https://www.worldbookday.com/resource/brilliant-bame-brilliant-reading-ideas/>
- https://www.bagsofbooklists.com/cultural-diversity-childrens-books/?mc_cid=3cb42fbb4a&mc_eid=254d236096
- https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/black-lives-matter-book-lists-ages-0-16/?mc_cid=cf697d947d&mc_eid=a4b5645a41