

Dear Sapphire Families,

I hope you all enjoyed the sunshine this weekend.

Thank you to all of you who attended parent's evening last week, it was so lovely to celebrate the strengths, achievements and targets of your children with you.

This half term has flown by and I am so excited to begin planning our next half term! This week, we will be finishing off some of our units of learning: we will be book making in English and presenting our final outcomes by sharing them with another class, we will discuss different ways in which animals reproduce in science, we will summarise why Buddhists want to live a good life in RE and think of ways we can have self-respect in PSHE.

PE will take place on both Wednesday and Thursday this week, please send your child to school in their full PE kit on these days, including appropriate footwear.

Please find attached the Children's Preloved Christmas poster. We held this event last year and had a wonderful turn out. I hope you will add this date to your diary and come along to pick up some Christmas bargains. If you have any items to contribute to the sale please bring your donations to the school office.

October is Black History Month, and this year the theme is Saluting our Sisters- paying homage to black women who had contributions ignored, ideas appropriated and voices silenced.

There are so many women who have made great contributions to science, politics, art, education, healthcare and so much more and there are even more black women who have been denied their rights and the recognition they deserve. We will be discussing and celebrating some key individuals in class this week. Please take some time to discuss this topic with your child, I would like to highlight just one significant black woman for you to share at home, who changed the world of employment for people of colour in England. There is a short video in which she shares some inspiring messages about why she never gave up and illustrates the discrimination people faced, and still face, in the world of work- hopefully sparking a discussion around these themes. She is also a Windrush pioneer, this will link to our history topic in the new year.

[Windrush Pioneer: Dame Jocelyn Barrow - Black History Month 2023](#)

Thank you to those of you who have successfully logged on to Doodlelearning and completed last week's homework. I appreciate that there is always a learning curve with these things and that some families may still be working out how to log on. There are apps that can be used, however, if you are having any difficulty with this I recommend using the website. We have been using the website in class and logging in as pupils rather than parents and every child has been able to access the site in this way. You can log in by following this link:

<https://doodlelearning.com/#student-popup>

We are currently only using the English app, you are able to access the spelling, multiplication and maths apps and complete tasks and the baseline assessments, however, the only assignments that have explicitly been set as homework are found on the English app/website. Please continue to communicate any issues with me. I am so pleased to hear that those of you who have already logged in are finding it helpful and engaging. I have assigned two new tasks for this week's homework.

Best wishes,  
Miss Clark