



**BLACK**

**HISTORY**

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at Our Lady of Lourdes



This year for Black History Month, we focused on studying influential people living in Britain. We fully understand the importance of studying ordinary people that fought and paved a way for everyone irrespective of race to live freely and treated fairly in society.

However, as a school, we wanted to highlight and celebrate British Black living influencers that have had a positive impact in our society. Each year group learnt about an influential person from various industries in our society. We then had the opportunity to share what we learnt in assembly.

Year 5 and 6 focused on Black Poetry, rap and spoken word. Even though we know Benjamin Zephaniah died last year, we know his poetry highlighted some of the great talents we have in our black society. Pupils had the opportunity to write poems or raps in the style of Benjamin Zephaniah.



Year 3 and 4 had the opportunity to learn about some iconic moments in sports and how Black British footballers have influenced our society and even affected some decisions in our education system. They researched the life of Marcus Rashford and delved into his famous speech to parliament about free school dinners for all primary age children.

Year 1 and 2 focused on music. Music written and sang by various influencers in our society. Music is food for the soul and a great way to unite people through beat and rhythm. Year 2 learnt a song from Corrine Bailey Rae and Year 1 learnt a song from Emeli Sande.

Nursery and Reception learnt about a local black artist, who lives in Leytonstone, Paul Dash. His work has been exhibited at the Tate Modern. Each year group recreated one of his artworks in class.







