

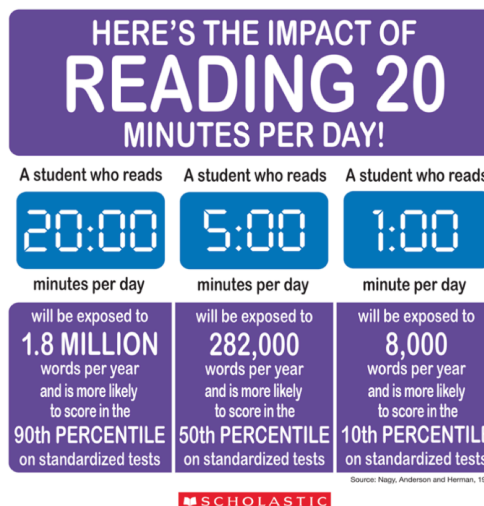
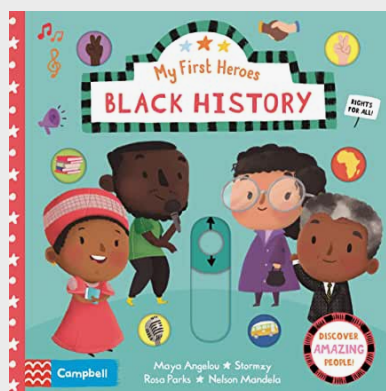
SVP BIG READ

October 2022

Black History Month

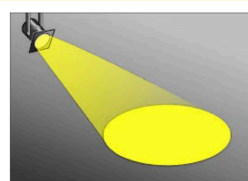
Each year, the whole month of October is dedicated to highlighting the importance of understanding Black History. There are many books available to open up discussions and these are just a small sample. For more about Black History Month, see the official website

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>



There is overwhelming evidence that literacy has a significant relationship to people's life chances. Reading for pleasure is more important than either wealth or social class as an indicator of success at school.

If your child isn't a 'book worm' yet, don't worry! There are so many wonderful and exciting authors out there, that there's a book to engage and inspire your child out there... they just may not have discovered it yet!



Spotlight on...

MAKING PREDICTIONS

Each month we will include some questions that you could ask your child, focussing on one area of reading comprehension.

Predictions can be made before you start reading as well as at key points during a story.

- ⇒ From the cover, what might this book be about?
- ⇒ What is happening now? What happened before? What will happen next?
- ⇒ Do you think might happen? Why/why not?
- ⇒ What is there in this paragraph that tells us what might happen next?

Books for Topics

Books for Topics have put together a list of children's books that celebrate black lives and that explore black history both in the UK and around the globe. They've also included some key titles that support conversations about systematic racism in a child-friendly way.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/>

Does your child always read books by the same author or the same genre of book? Children's choice about what they read is really important, but it's also important that they know what's out there to be able to make an informed choice, with adults guiding them towards quality books wherever possible. Any reading is better than no reading, so it's not worth a battle, but children's series can often contain the same sort of style and vocabulary, making children read more passively (especially if the book has been made into a film that they have seen.)

'Banning' books by certain authors can make the problem worse... so why not offer your child one of these alternatives if they have got stuck on one of

