

What's happening in the world today?



We encourage children to read this together with their adults at home to develop their understanding of current news items and topics for discussion. We have included links to the UN Sustainable Development Goals against each story, which will help the children to see how they can have a positive impact in the wider world.

Black History Month 2021



Black History Month runs through the month of October each year in the UK. Black History Month gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture.

The focus of this year's Black History Month is **Proud to Be**. By asking people to share what they are Proud to Be we can share both individual stories and the vast richness of diversity that black people bring to the UK. Everyone deserves the right to be Proud to Be everything they are and want to be in life. Throughout history black people have always been present in the UK but there has been a lack of representation in the history books and it is important that we remember the forgotten people who have helped to shape the UK.



Can you name some influential black people and what they have done to shape the world we live in today?

Who are your black heroes - they could be a famous person from the past or a present-day celebrity, or perhaps you're inspired by a family member or a friend?

What are you Proud to Be?

Meet the new CBeebies presenter...



Children's TV channel CBeebies has hired George Webster as its first ever presenter with Down's syndrome. The 20-year-old, from Leeds, is an actor, dancer and ambassador for the disability charity, Mencap. George said, "I feel so proud and I'm feeling so excited to start", adding that he was looking forward to cooking and dancing in his new role.

What qualities do you think make a good role model?

Do you think you are a good role model to anyone?

Solar flare ahead!



Parts of the UK caught a glimpse of the Northern Lights last night as a powerful solar flare is expected to reach Earth today.

What is a solar flare?

A solar flare is a sudden eruption of brightness from the Sun's surface. The energy released can be huge – 160 billion megatonnes of the chemical trinitrotoluene (TNT)!



What is the affect on earth?

A solar flare may cause power outages, disrupt radio and satellite signals and they can also produce amazing light shows in the sky called auroras.

Do you think you will see any auroras in the night sky tonight?

