



November Library Newsletter

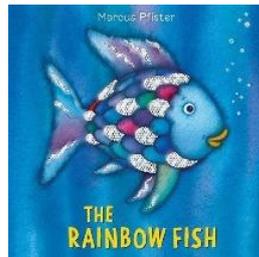
“No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees, no fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds; November!” – Thomas Hood

Core values at Katherine Semar are an integral part of our school life. The characters help the children to remember our values and encourage us all to follow their example. Each of the values are being explored in assemblies using picture books.

The wonderful picture book **The Rainbow Fish** has been used to illustrate the core value of kindness.



Be kind



If you would like to continue sharing the theme of kindness with your children here are a few more titles of picture books you may want to look at:

Superworm,
The Smartest Giant in the Town
The Magic Paintbrush

all by Julia Donaldson

Dogger by Shirley Hughes

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

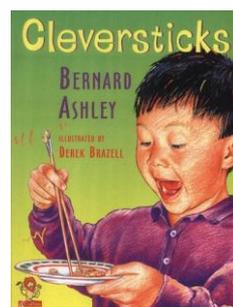
Bernard Ashley’s book **Cleversticks** has been chosen to read in assembly to show the value of being positive.

Some more picture books to explore the value of being positive:

Oh the Places You’ll Go by Dr Seuss

Nothing by Mick Inkpen

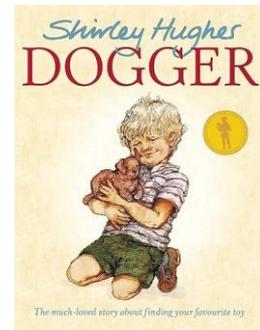
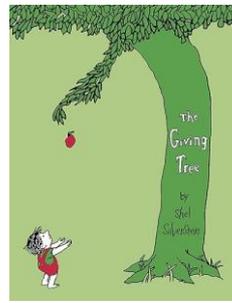
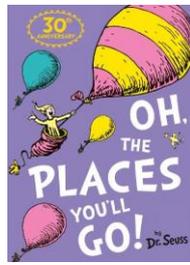
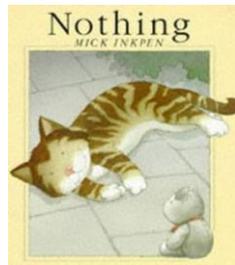
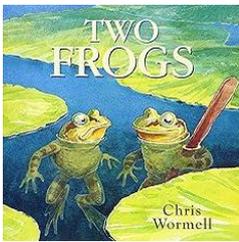
Two Frogs by Chris Wormell



Be positive

It can be challenging for parents and guardians to speak to young people about a specific topic which may be troubling them; picture books are the perfect way to open up a discussion by having fun talking about the characters and at the same time addressing something that may be on their minds. All these stories and

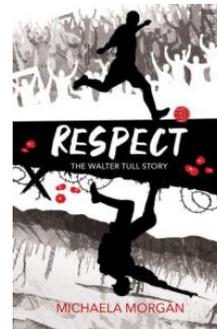
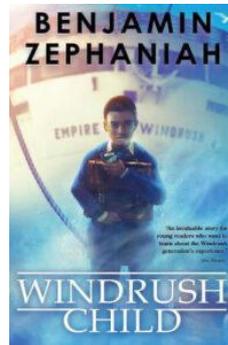
illustrations are not only beautifully written but have a subtle message that will help you develop discussion. I absolutely love the book **Two Frogs** and have used it many times – each reader has to decide on the moral of this one!



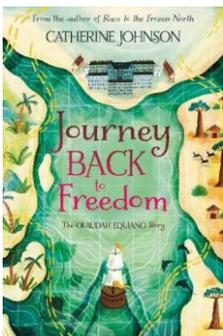
October was Black History Month (BHM) in the United Kingdom, when we collectively recognise the contributions of Black people to British society and globally.

I am always impressed by the enthusiasm our children have for history. Bearing this in mind we have created a display of books about this important aspect of our history. The children have been encouraged to borrow these books and leave comments about the people they have learnt about.

This masterpiece is written by Benjamin Zephaniah, and it delivers a powerful story about what it was like to be part of the Windrush Generation. Based on real events of the time, this fictional story features Leonard – a boy who was born in Jamaica and grew up in England.



Tully and his brother don't have much. But they do have each other. And Tully has an amazing talent - football. But when the First World War begins, Tully must fight for respect on the battlefield not the pitch ... Based on the amazing true story of Walter Tull, a First World War hero and one of the first black British professional football players.



Olaudah Equiano was cruelly snatched from his home in Essaka, Africa, aged only 11, in 1756. Initially taken with his older sister, Ifeoma, they soon became separated. Olaudah never heard from her again. From there he was taken to England, first enduring a long voyage where he was treated horribly, along with the other slaves. He was sold several times before being taken to America to be a house slave.



Library display