



Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Challenging Racism**

We actively encourage discussion about race and racism in all areas of our curriculum and teach the children to celebrate and respect diversity. Under normal circumstances our discussions would be in an open and age appropriate manner in lessons and assemblies. In Year 5 and 6 the children attend workshops delivered by Show Racism the Red card – an organisation that stands up to racism.

Many of our children learning from home may have questions about the recent Black Lives Matter protests. In Key Stage 2, this week, some of the teachers have planned discussions about recent events via their class stream. Next week, discussions will continue as our focus is Article 2, non – discrimination, from the United Nations Rights of the Child. It is important that the children do know their rights and that they can discuss their questions and concerns. To support you in discussing the important issues of race and racism at home here are two useful guides-

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/7xvLw6Q4qbJBnkzjk6xm9Z/how-to-talk-to-your-children-about-race-and-racism>

<https://www.savethechildren.org/us/charity-stories/tips-teach-explain-racism-to-children>

And attached below is a list of recommended books.

Best wishes,

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**Headteacher**



# PICTURE BOOKS





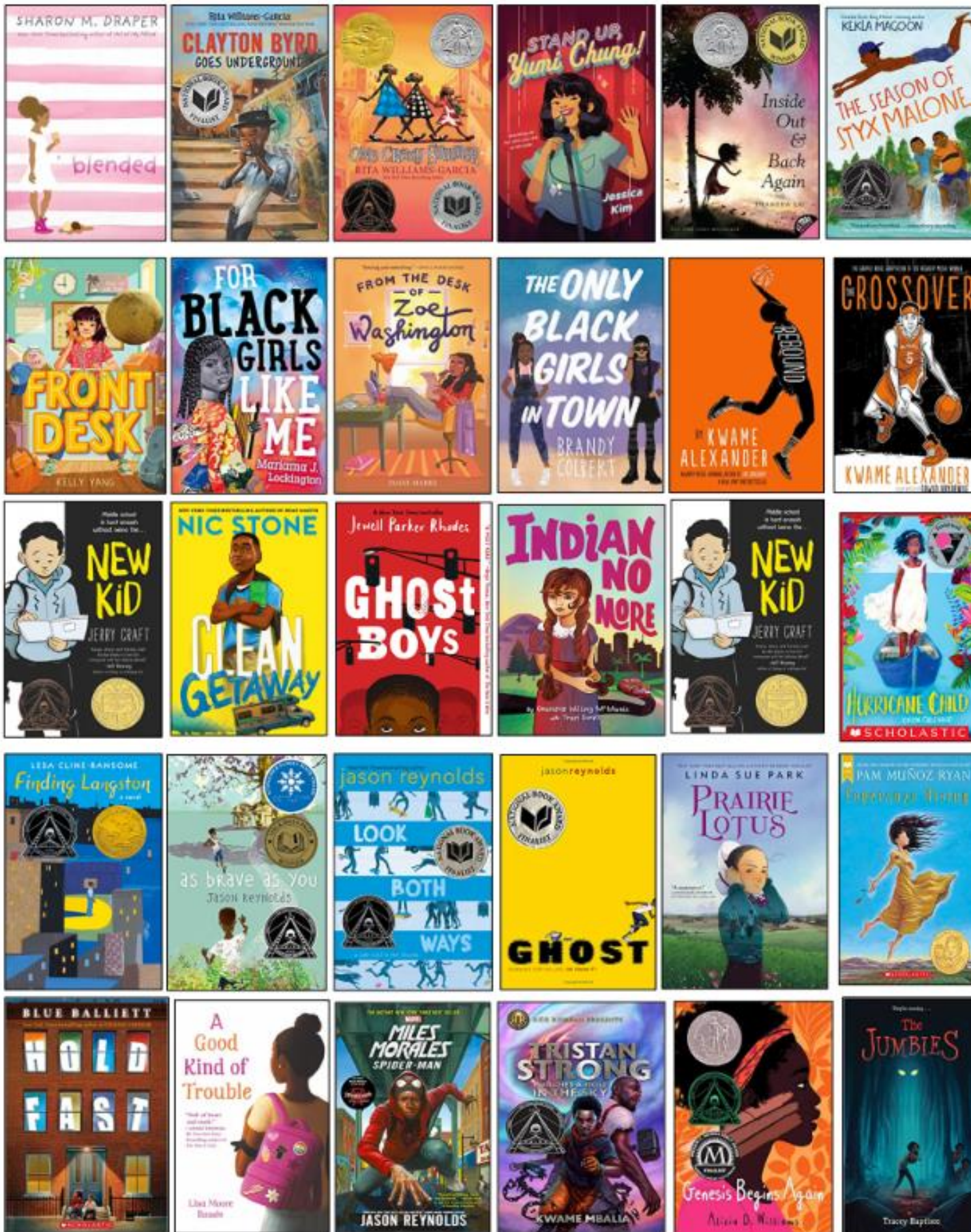
# EARLY CHAPTER BOOKS







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