



# Black History in the Curriculum

## EYFS



This year for Black History Month we want to remind you that Black History can be included in any part of the EYFS curriculum; there is no need to confine learning about history and heritage to just one month of the year! So, for October 2020, we have included ideas for different areas of the EYFS for you to use to enrich your children's learning experience in Nursery and Reception classes. These ideas can also be utilised in Key Stage One.

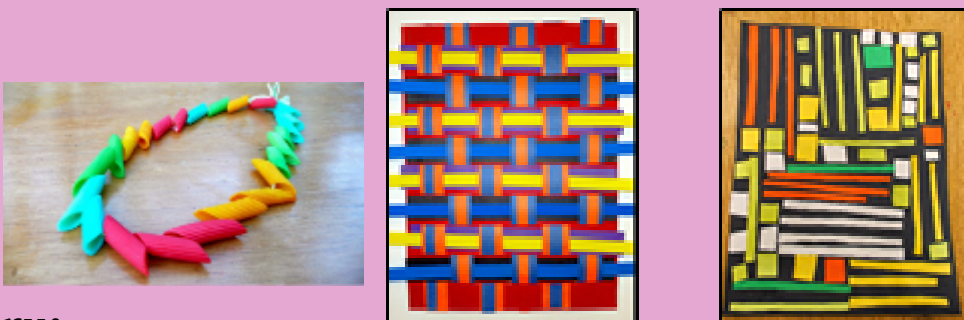
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/joinin/black-history-month>

## Get Creative

**Kente cloth from Ghana and West Africa:**

<https://kidworldcitizen.org/ghanian-kente-cloth-kids-art-project/>

Learn about Kente cloth, how it is made and what the different colours symbolise. Make versions by weaving strips of coloured paper, painting stripes and patterns with bold paints or sticking coloured paper onto black card.



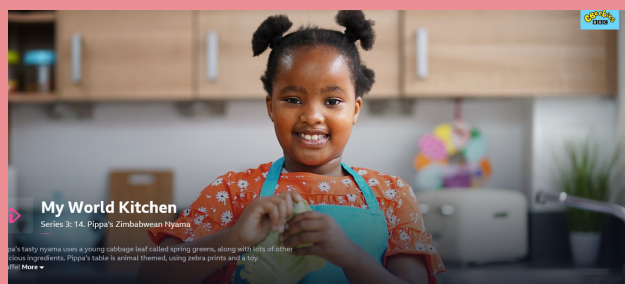
**African inspired jewellery:**

Use salt dough to make beads, make them colourful and thread them to create beautiful jewellery. Or, to save time, why not use painted macaroni or multigrain hoops?



## Other ideas:

**Role Play:** Read 'Grandma's Saturday Soup' (printed in dual language). Convert your role play area to reflect a dual heritage home. Make 'Saturday Soup' in your mud kitchen. If you can, try to include real life items such as a dutch oven or cast iron pot, wooden spoon, photos of a family and scenes from Jamaica, wild flowers, potatoes, yams, spring onions, cho-cho (if available: try canned), green bananas, pumpkin, an apron and kitchen utensils.



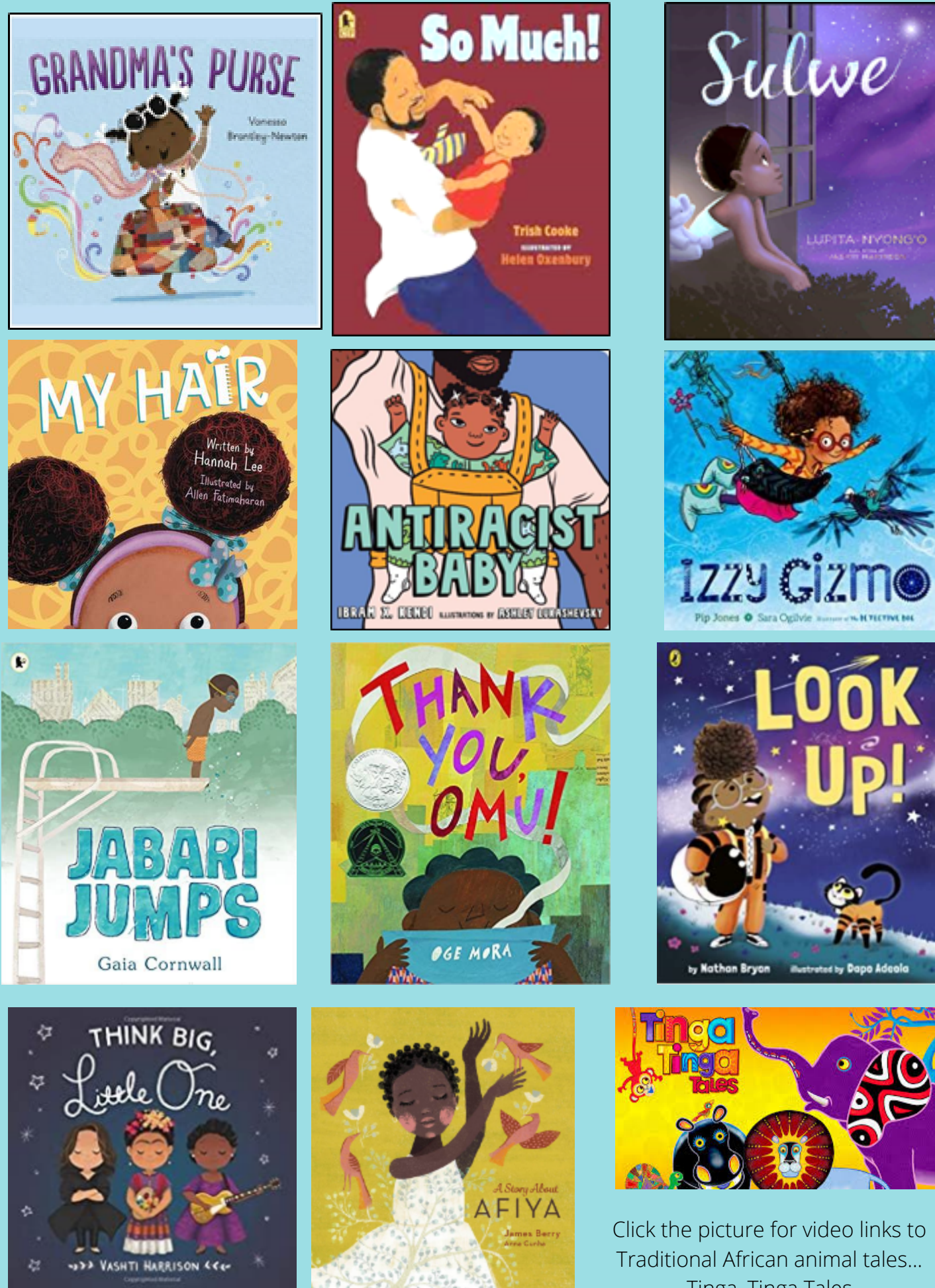
Use CBeebies Iplayer to explore and cook food from around the world... Click on the picture for a link.



Written for a younger audience, read Floella Benjamin's re-published book of her story of migration to the UK.

Watch Vanessa Brantley-Newton read *Grandma's Purse* here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UoePmxGXp-I>

## Story Time

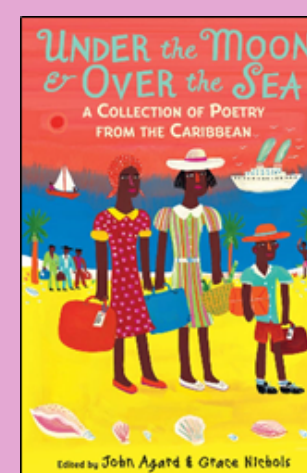


Click the picture for video links to Traditional African animal tales... Tinga, Tinga Tales

## Song, Poetry & Rhyme



Watch Valerie Bloom perform 'Kiss Pop' here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hRiOrRkmZuU>



Watch Valerie Bloom perform 'Sandwich':  
<https://vimeo.com/129887993>

Search by continent, country or language



## Me, My Family and My World

Encourage talk about families and history. Make a display of self-portraits and family portraits. Provide a wide range of skin tone choices. Use the child's home language and English to create name labels, ask parents to help with this. Include a map of the world as part of the display; talk about the different countries that are important to your children and their families.

