Black History Month: Heroes and Pioneers

Learning objective: To learn about significant individuals from Black history and understand why we celebrate their contributions to society.

Read the front of each flashcard to learn the name or key term. Then, flip the card (read the answer) to learn a fact about their life or the meaning of the celebration.

What is Black History Month?

It is a special time in October when we celebrate the achievements, history, and culture of Black people.

Who was Rosa Parks?

A brave woman who stood up for fairness by refusing to give up her seat on a bus, helping to change unfair laws.

Who was Mary Seacole?

A kind nurse who travelled a long way to help and care for sick soldiers during a war.

Who was Walter Tull?

He was a professional footballer and a brave soldier who became one of the first Black officers to lead men in the British Army.

What is a 'Pioneer'?

A pioneer is someone who is the first to do something new or leads the way for others to follow.

Who was Ignatius Sancho?

A talented writer and composer who lived in Britain a long time ago and was the first Black person known to vote in a British election.

What is a 'Legacy'?

A legacy is the positive impact or the good things someone leaves behind for others to remember or learn from.

Why do we celebrate Black History Month?

To learn about people who helped make the world a fairer and better place for everyone.

Who was Dr Martin Luther King Jr?

A famous leader who spoke to crowds about his dream for all people to be treated with kindness and equality.

What does 'Equality' mean?

It means that every single person is treated with the same respect and has the same rights.