

Black History Month: Heroes and Pioneers

Learning objective: To recognise the significant contributions of Black individuals to British and global history, and to understand the importance of celebrating diversity and equality.

Read each flashcard carefully. Use the front to test your knowledge of key historical figures and concepts. Reflect on the impact these individuals had on society.

What is Black History Month?

An annual observance that celebrates the achievements, culture, and history of Black people and highlights their contributions to society.

Who was Mary Seacole?

A brave British-Jamaican nurse who set up the 'British Hotel' behind the lines during the Crimean War to provide food and medical care for soldiers.

What does the word 'diversity' mean in our community?

Celebrating the differences between people, including different backgrounds, cultures, and experiences, which makes our society stronger.

Who was Walter Tull?

A pioneering footballer who played for Tottenham Hotspur and later became the first Black officer to lead white British soldiers into battle during the First World War.

Why is it important to learn about history all year round?

To ensure we understand the true, complete story of our world and to learn from the actions of those who fought for fairness and progress.

Who was Rosa Parks?

An American civil rights activist whose act of quiet courage in refusing to give up her bus seat helped spark the movement for equal rights for Black people.

What is a 'pioneer'?

A person who is among the first to explore or settle a new area, or someone who develops new methods, ideas, or fields of study.

Who was Ignatius Sancho?

A writer, composer, and shopkeeper who was the first known person of African descent to vote in a British general election.

What is the meaning of 'legacy'?

The long-lasting impact or influence that an individual leaves behind for future generations after they have passed away.

Why do we celebrate 'Equality'?

Because every person deserves to be treated with the same respect, dignity, and fairness, regardless of their skin colour or background.