# 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.