Celebrating Heroes: Black History Month

Learning objective: To understand the importance of Black History Month and recognise the contributions of inspirational individuals.

Read the text carefully with Ellie the Elephant, then answer the questions below to show what you have learned.

Every October, we mark Black History Month in the United Kingdom. It is a special time to look back at the past and celebrate the wonderful achievements of Black people. Throughout history, many Black men and women have worked hard to make the world a fairer, kinder, and better place for everyone. Some were talented inventors who created new machines, while others were brave leaders who stood up for what was right, even when it was difficult. During this month, Ellie the Elephant loves to share stories about these heroes. We learn about people who were brilliant scientists, amazing artists, and incredible writers. By listening to these stories, we can understand how their actions helped shape the world we live in today. Black History Month reminds us that everyone has a unique story to share. When we learn about the past, we can be inspired to do great things in the future. It is a time for us to be thankful, to be curious, and to celebrate the diversity that makes our communities so special and strong.

Word bank: contribution · history · inspirational · achievement · celebrate

1. In which month does the United Kingdom mark Black History Month? (1 mark)

2. Name two types of jobs or roles that the heroes in the text held. (2 marks)

3. Why do you think it is important to learn about the past during Black History Month? (2 marks)

4. How does learning about these heroes make the reader feel? (2 marks)

5. Which hero from the text would you like to learn more about and why? (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a 'History Hero' wearing a cape. You could draw them inventing something, writing a book, or helping someone in the community.

Extension challenge: Research a person who has made a positive difference in the world. Write three sentences about what they achieved.