# Black History Month: Celebrating Heroes and Heritage

*Learning objective: To recognise the significant contributions of Black historical figures to British society and understand the purpose of Black History Month.*

Read each flashcard carefully. Use the front to test your knowledge of key people and concepts, then flip to the back to check your understanding. Discuss the 'Greater Depth' questions with a partner to explore your learning further.

**What is the purpose of Black History Month?**

It is a dedicated time to celebrate, learn about, and honour the achievements and contributions of Black people to history, culture, and 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 is a 'pioneer'?**

A person who is the first to study or develop something new, or someone who leads the way for others to follow.

**Who was Olaudah Equiano?**

An author and abolitionist who lived in Britain in the 1700s. He wrote an autobiography that helped people understand why slavery was wrong.

**What does 'legacy' mean in history?**

The lasting impact or influence someone leaves behind after they have gone, which continues to affect the world today.

**Who was Walter Tull?**

A professional footballer and one of the first Black officers to lead white soldiers into battle during the First World War.

**Why do we celebrate Black History Month in October in the UK?**

It was first celebrated in 1987 to ensure that Black history, which had often been overlooked in school books, was shared and valued.

**Define 'Resilience'.**

The ability to stay strong and keep going even when facing difficult challenges or unfair treatment.

**Who was Ignatius Sancho?**

A composer, writer, and shopkeeper who was the first Black person known to have voted in a British general election.

**What is the importance of 'Equality'?**

Treating everyone with the same respect and fairness, regardless of their background, skin colour, or where they were born.