Celebrating Black History Month with Ellie

Learning objective: To understand the importance of Black History Month and recognise the contributions of Black individuals to British and world history.

Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge of history and community to answer them. Think about how we can celebrate and learn from the past.

Ellie the elephant has a wonderful memory and loves sharing stories about the people who have helped shape our world. During Black History Month, we take extra time to celebrate the achievements, culture, and bravery of Black people throughout history. From inventors and scientists to artists and leaders, these individuals have left a lasting mark on our lives. By learning about their stories, we can build a kinder, more inclusive future together.

Word bank: Contribution · History · Achievement · Inspiration · Diversity · Legacy · Respect · Community

1. Why do you think it is important for us to dedicate a specific month to learning about Black history? (2 marks)

2. Ellie loves history stories. If you could meet a person from history who made a positive change in the world, who would it be and why? (2 marks)

3. List two different areas where Black individuals have made important contributions (e.g., science, music, or sport). (2 marks)

4. How can we show respect and appreciation for the diverse history of the people in our own community? (2 marks)

5. Explain what the word 'legacy' means in your own words, and why it is important to remember the legacy of others. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Tree of Inspiration'. On the branches, draw or write the names of people who have made a positive impact on the world, and explain why their work is important to you.

Extension challenge: Research one person who has made a significant contribution to British history. Create a fact file about their life, what they achieved, and why they are considered an inspiration today.