

Celebrating Black History Month: Honouring Contributions and Resilience

Reflect, Respect, and Remember: Celebrating the past to shape a fairer future.

- How can learning about the achievements of historical pioneers help us to build a more inclusive society in our own school community?
- Why is it important to recognise that Black history is not just a single month of study, but an essential thread within the fabric of British history?
- In what ways can we act as allies to ensure that the voices and contributions of everyone are heard and valued throughout the entire year?
- How does the concept of 'resilience' apply to the figures who campaigned for equal rights and representation despite facing significant adversity?
- If you were to create a memorial or a piece of public art to honour an unsung hero of Black British history, what key qualities would you choose to highlight and why?

Did you know? Did you know? Black History Month was first celebrated in the UK in 1987. It was organised by Akyaaba Addai-Sebo, a Ghanaian analyst who wanted to create a space for the Black community to share their heritage and for all citizens to learn about the often-overlooked history of Black people in Britain.

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