Celebrating Black History Month with Ellie

Learning objective: To learn about significant individuals who have contributed to British and global history, and to reflect on their impact on society.

Read each flashcard carefully. Ellie the Elephant has gathered these facts to help us remember people who made a difference. Use these cards to test your knowledge with a partner.

Who was Mary Seacole?

Mary Seacole was a brave nurse from Jamaica who travelled to the Crimean War to care for wounded soldiers. She opened the 'British Hotel' to provide food and comfort.

What does the word 'Pioneer' mean?

A pioneer is a person who is among the first to explore or settle a new area, or someone who leads the way in a new field of study or work.

Why do we celebrate Black History Month in October?

It is a dedicated time to recognise and value the achievements, contributions, and history of Black people in the UK and around the world.

Who was Walter Tull?

Walter Tull was a professional footballer and one of the first Black officers to lead white British soldiers into battle during the First World War.

What is a 'Legacy'?

A legacy is something left behind by someone that continues to influence people long after they have gone, such as ideas, actions, or inventions.

Who was Rosa Parks?

Rosa Parks was an American activist whose act of quiet courage on a bus helped lead to important changes in laws regarding fairness and equality.

Explain why Mary Seacole's actions were considered heroic.

She showed great courage by travelling across the world to a dangerous war zone solely to help and heal others who were suffering.

Compare and contrast: How are Walter Tull and Mary Seacole similar?

Both were pioneers who served their country in difficult times and showed bravery and resilience in their chosen fields.

What might happen if these historical figures had not been brave?

If they had not stood up for what was right, the world might be a less fair place today, and we would have fewer examples of how to show kindness and leadership.

Justify your answer: Is it important to learn about history?

Yes, because learning about the past helps us understand our present and teaches us lessons about how to treat others with respect and fairness.