Learning About Black History Month

Learning objective: To understand why we celebrate Black History Month and learn about important historical figures.

Read the story about Ellie the Elephant. Use the word bank to help you. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Ellie the Elephant loves to learn about history. Every October, Ellie shares stories for Black History Month. This is a special time in the UK. We look back at the lives of Black people who have done amazing things. Some people worked hard to make the world fairer for everyone. Others were great doctors, teachers, or artists. Ellie says it is important to remember their stories. When we learn about the past, we learn how to be better friends today. Ellie likes to talk about Mary Seacole. Mary was a brave nurse who helped many soldiers. She was very kind and strong. By learning about her, we see how one person can make a big difference. Ellie thinks that by sharing these stories, we can all show more kindness to each other. We celebrate the achievements of Black people not just in October, but all year round. It makes our community a happy place to be.

Word bank: celebrate · history · important · people · kindness

1. Which month do we celebrate Black History Month? (1 mark)

2. Who was Mary Seacole? (1 mark)

3. Why does Ellie think it is good to learn about the past? (2 marks)

4. How do you think Mary Seacole felt when she helped the soldiers? (2 marks)

5. Why do you think it is important to be kind to everyone? Give one reason. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Ellie the Elephant reading a book about a hero.

Extension challenge: Talk to a partner about someone you admire. Why are they special to you?