Celebrating Black History Month with Ellie

Learning objective: To understand the importance of Black History Month and celebrate the achievements of Black people.

Read the story below with care. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Ellie the elephant loves to visit the library. She has an incredible memory and enjoys reading about the past. In October, Ellie is very busy. It is Black History Month! This is a special time in the UK to learn about the lives and stories of Black people.

Ellie reads books about scientists, artists, and leaders who have done amazing things. She learns how they helped to make the world a kinder and fairer place. Some of these people helped to change laws, while others invented new things or created beautiful music and art. Ellie thinks it is important to remember these stories all year round, not just in October. She likes to share what she learns with her friends. She says that when we learn about different cultures, we grow closer together. By celebrating these achievements, we show respect to everyone. Ellie believes that every person has a story worth telling. By reading and listening, we can all become better friends and learn to value the unique skills that everyone brings to our world.

Word bank: History · Achievements · October · Respect · Culture · Stories

1. 1. Which month is Black History Month in the UK? (Find and retrieve) (1 mark)

2. 2. List two types of people Ellie reads about in her books. (Find and retrieve) (2 marks)

3. 3. Why does Ellie think it is good to learn about other cultures? (Read between the lines) (2 marks)

4. 4. Why does Ellie believe we should celebrate these stories all year round? (Read between the lines) (2 marks)

5. 5. Why do you think it is important to learn about the achievements of others? (Opinion) (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Ellie the elephant reading a book about a famous person she admires.

Extension challenge: Pick one person from history that you find interesting. Write two sentences about why they are important.