

Celebrating Black History Month with Ellie

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

Read the text carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the tricky words. Answer the questions in the boxes provided. You can look back at the text to find your answers.

Ellie the elephant loves to visit the library to learn about history. In October, she is excited because it is Black History Month. This is a special time in the UK to learn about the lives and achievements of Black people. For a long time, many stories about Black people were left out of history books. Now, we work hard to make sure those stories are told. We learn about brave people who fought for fairness and others who created beautiful art, music, and science. Ellie likes to read about Mary Seacole, a kind nurse who helped soldiers during the Crimean War. She also likes learning about modern leaders who make our country a better place. By celebrating Black History Month, we learn that our country is strong because it is diverse. Everyone has a story that matters. Ellie believes that when we share these stories, we become kinder and better friends to one another. It is a time to listen, learn, and say thank you for the wonderful things that people have done to shape our world today.

Word bank: Contribution: something given to help a cause · History: things that happened in the past · Diverse: made up of many different types of people · Achievement: something good that someone has done

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

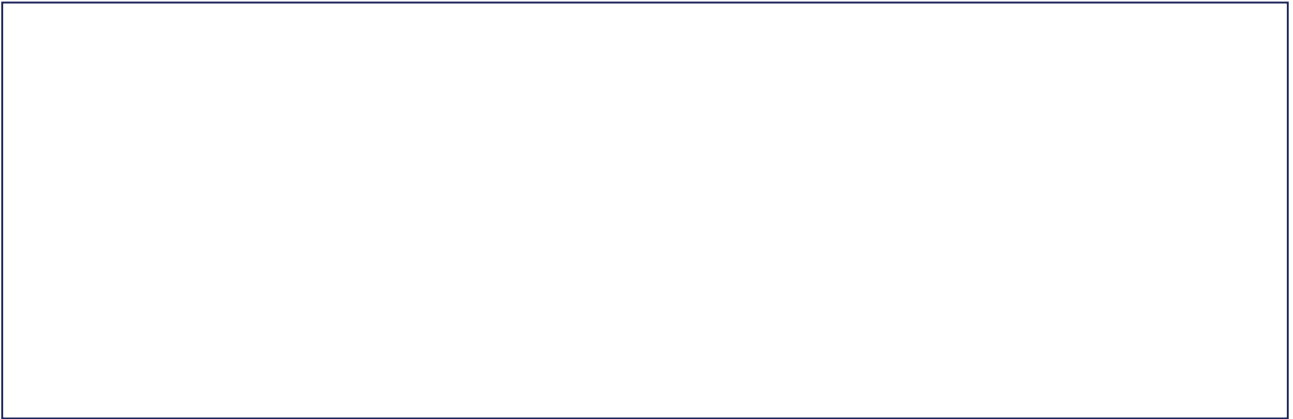
2. According to the text, what did Mary Seacole do to help others? (1 mark)

3. Why does Ellie think it is important to learn about different stories from history? (2 marks)

4. Why might some history books from a long time ago be missing information about Black people? (2 marks)

5. Do you think it is important to have a special month to celebrate history? Why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Ellie the elephant holding a book about a famous historical figure. In the background, draw a colourful banner that says 'Celebrating History'.



Extension challenge: Choose one person from history who you admire. Write three sentences about why they are important.