

Learning About History with Ellie

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

Read the story below with Ellie the elephant. Answer the questions using the word bank to help you. Use full sentences.

Ellie the elephant loves to visit the library to learn about history. In October, she is very busy because it is Black History Month. This is a special time when we learn about the stories of Black people from the past. We remember the people who were very brave and helped to make the world a better place for everyone. Ellie likes to read about Mary Seacole. Mary was a kind nurse who travelled a long way to help soldiers. She worked very hard to look after people when they were hurt or sick. We also learn about people who helped to change unfair rules. By learning these stories, we can see how people stood up for what was right. Black History Month helps us to celebrate these important people and their big achievements. Ellie thinks it is important to remember these stories all year long, not just in October. When we share these stories, we learn how to be better friends and how to be fair to everyone we meet. It makes the world a much brighter and happier place for us all.

Word bank: Black History Month · celebrate · kind · brave · history · change

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

2. What was the job of Mary Seacole? (1 mark)

3. Why do you think it is important to learn about brave people from history? (2 marks)

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

5. Why does Ellie think we should learn these stories all year long? Give one reason. (2 marks)

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



Extension challenge: Choose one person from history you have heard about. Write one sentence about why they were brave.