

Celebrating Black History Month with Ellie

Learning objective: To understand the importance of Black History Month and recognise the contributions of Black historical figures.

Read the story about Ellie the elephant. Then, answer the questions below. Use the word bank to help you spell tricky words.

Ellie the elephant loves to visit the library to learn about history. She has a very special memory for stories. In October, Ellie is busy helping her friends learn about Black History Month. She explains that this is a time to celebrate the lives and achievements of Black people from the past and the present. Ellie tells her friends about brave people who worked hard to make the world a fairer place for everyone. She talks about inventors, scientists, and leaders who changed our lives with their clever ideas and courage. Ellie says that we should not just learn about these heroes in October, but all year round. She likes to read books about how these people stood up for what was right. By sharing these stories, Ellie helps everyone feel proud of our shared history. She reminds us that every person has a story worth telling. Learning about these lives helps us understand how to be kind and fair to one another today. Ellie smiles because she knows that knowing our history helps us build a brighter future for all.

Word bank: history · celebrate · contributions · important · remember · heroes

1. Which month does Ellie celebrate Black History Month? (Literal) (1 mark)

2. List two types of people Ellie mentions who have helped change the world. (Literal) (2 marks)

3. Why do you think Ellie says we should learn about these heroes all year round? (Inferential) (2 marks)

4. What does Ellie mean when she says learning history helps us be 'kind and fair'? (Inferential) (2 marks)

5. Why is it important to share stories about different people? Explain your answer. (Evaluative) (3 marks)

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



Extension challenge: Pick one person you think is a hero. Write one sentence about why they are important to you.