Celebrating Remarkable Lives: Black History Month with Ellie

Learning objective: To develop historical empathy and descriptive writing skills by reflecting on the contributions of significant Black individuals throughout history.

Read each question carefully. Use your best handwriting, include ambitious adjectives, and ensure you use capital letters for names and places. Ellie the elephant is helping us remember these important stories!

Ellie the elephant has a magnificent memory. She loves to look back through the pages of history to find stories of people who changed the world. During Black History Month, we celebrate the brave pioneers who fought for fairness, the inventors who created new technology, and the artists who brought beauty to our lives. Their stories teach us that one person's voice can make a massive difference to everyone else.

Word bank: courageous · pioneer · determined · achievement · extraordinary · legacy · inspiration · equality

1. Ellie believes that history is like a library of stories. If you could meet a person who changed history, who would you choose and why? Use at least two words from the word bank. (3 marks)

2. Many people in history showed great 'courage'. Explain why it is important for a person to stand up for what they believe in, even when it is difficult. (3 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the life of an inventor to the life of a leader. How might their daily contributions be different? (3 marks)

4. Justify your answer: Why do we dedicate a whole month to celebrating Black history instead of just one day? (3 marks)

5. What might happen if these extraordinary people had decided not to share their talents or fight for change? Write a short sentence predicting the outcome. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a portrait of a person you find inspiring. Around the portrait, draw symbols that represent their achievements (e.g., a paintbrush for an artist, a book for a writer, or a lightbulb for an inventor).

Extension challenge: Write a short poem or a 'thank you' letter addressed to a historical figure of your choice. In your writing, describe the legacy they left behind and explain how their actions have made the world a kinder place for you today.