Celebrating Remarkable People: Black History Month

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

Use your knowledge of history and the provided word bank to answer the questions below. Think carefully about how these individuals changed the world for the better.

Word bank: Mary Seacole · Inspiration · Contribution · Equality · Courage · Recognition · History · Change

1. Ellie the elephant is learning about Mary Seacole. Describe one reason why she is remembered as a heroic figure in nursing history. (2 marks)

2. Why do we celebrate Black History Month in the UK? Explain why it is important to remember the achievements of Black people from the past. (2 marks)

3. Max the monkey wants to know what 'equality' means. Write a simple definition in your own words. (1 mark)

4. Think of a person you have studied who showed great courage. List two actions they took that helped make the world a fairer place. (2 marks)

5. If you were writing a history book, why would you choose to include stories about people from different backgrounds rather than just one type of person? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a portrait of a person who inspires you. Around your drawing, include three words that describe the positive qualities they possess.

Extension challenge: Research a person who has made a positive impact on your local community or the world. Write a short paragraph explaining what they did and why they deserve to be remembered.