Celebrating Remarkable People: Black History Month

Learning objective: To recognize the achievements of significant Black individuals throughout history and understand the importance of celebrating diverse contributions to our world.

Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge of history and empathy to answer them. Think about how these individuals helped to change the world for the better.

In October, we celebrate Black History Month. It is a time to learn about the incredible stories of Black people who have shaped our history, science, art, and society. From Mary Seacole, who provided care and comfort to soldiers, to modern-day scientists and artists, these individuals show us the power of determination and kindness.

Word bank: courage · achievement · inspiration · contribution · equality · pioneer · legacy · diversity

1. Leo the Lion is writing a poem about a hero from history. Why is it important for us to learn about the achievements of different people from the past? (2 marks)

2. Mary Seacole showed great courage. If you were a reporter interviewing her, what two questions would you ask her about her journey to help others? (2 marks)

3. Compare and contrast the challenges someone in the past might have faced compared to someone today. Why is fairness an important part of our community? (3 marks)

4. Justify your answer: Does one person have the power to change the world for the better? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

5. What might happen if we only ever heard stories about one type of person? How does learning about many different cultures make our classroom a better place? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a portrait of a person you admire who has made a positive contribution to the world. Include a symbol next to them that represents their special talent or their bravery.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a 'History Explorer'. Research or discuss with a partner a Black scientist, artist, or leader who is not mentioned in your textbook. Create a 'Legacy Poster' explaining why this person is an inspiration to you and how their actions affect your life today.