

Black History Month Assembly

Standing Firm in Power and Pride



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Why does Black
History Month exist?



Black History Month marks a special time to:

- Celebrate the incredible achievements and contributions of Black people to our society
- Honour the heritage of African and Caribbean communities
- Share stories that inspire and educate everyone



In the UK, we celebrate Black History Month every October.

Different countries celebrate at different times.
In America, it's February!



How did Black History Month start?



1926

Black History Month started in the United States. A historian named Carter G. Woodson created “Negro History Week” to encourage people learn about Black history.

1976

Black History Month is officially celebrated every February in the USA.

1987

UK began celebrating Black History Month every October to honour the rich heritage of Black British communities.

When we learn about everyone's contributions, we get the full picture of our amazing history!

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Ellen and Margaret Moore were ladies-in-waiting at the Scottish Court. They had servants and horses of their own. King James IV held a jousting tournament for Ellen, 'The Black Queen of Beauty'.

There were Black milkmaids, monks and musicians, sailors, soldiers and spies, ambassadors and artists, grooms and gardeners, cooks and butlers, ladies and pirates, and more!

Incense was used to cover the stink of potties that were emptied on to the streets!

Popular new goods came into Britain, too: silk from China, spices from Africa and incense from India.

Stories of the fabulous wealth of those continents reached the ears of the new Tudor queen – Elizabeth I. She sent ships to look for India's riches and Africa's gold.

And so began the British Empire.



Many inspiring Black British people have shaped our world, including politicians, campaigners, writers, nurses, footballers, and poets.

Their work still
inspires us
today, and shows
that history is
always growing.



What we'll discover together

Over the next month, you'll have the opportunity to learn about a significant person in your year groups.





Learning about Black History happens all year long at our school

You'll learn about Black British stories in several of your History topics. For example, you may remember learning about a significant person during a month that wasn't October!

We know that:

- Black history is part of British history and world history
- Important contributions happen throughout the year
- Learning about diversity makes us better people
- We can celebrate different cultures anytime