

Black History Overview



Significant People in History

National Curriculum Purpose of Study:

Purpose of study A high-quality history education will help pupils gain a coherent knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and that of the wider world. It should inspire pupils' curiosity to know more about the past. Teaching should equip pupils to ask perceptive questions, think critically, weigh evidence, sift arguments, and develop perspective and judgement. History helps pupils to understand the complexity of people's lives, the process of change, the diversity of societies and relationships between different groups, as well as their own identity and the challenges of their time.

Curriculum Intent

In the UK, Black History Month happens every October. It gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture. People from African and Caribbean backgrounds have been a fundamental part of British history for centuries. However, campaigners believe their contribution to society has often been overlooked or distorted. Our school curriculum ensures that we not only celebrate Black History Month in October, but also the lives of significant individuals in history are studied across various subjects in the curriculum throughout the year. We believe that celebrating the contribution Black communities and individuals have made over the centuries helps children to understand their contribution in shaping the dynamic and diverse country we have today. It is also about raising awareness of the contribution Black people have made to our freedoms, culture and society.

Significant People in History Progression Overview

The following overview is a summary of key people we study specifically throughout Black History Month; however, other significant individuals are studied throughout other subject areas of the curriculum throughout the year (the list is not exhaustive) and includes people who inspire us today.

Phase	Windrush Generation Stories	Significant People
Early Years: Nursery/Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep Smiling John Agard's Windrush Child 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Floella Benjamin Mo Farah
Key Stage 1: Years 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coming to England: Floella Benjamin 5-7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Agard (write & poet) Rosa Parks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Agard's Windrush Child (Recap) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary Seacole Laurie Cunningham
Key Stage 2: Years 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Place for Me – Stories of the Windrush Generation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Olaudah Equiano Malorie Blackman
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Granny Came Here on the Empire Windrush 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Betty Campbell Pablo Fanque
Key Stage 2: Years 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coming to England: Floella Benjamin 8-11 Bright Stars of Black British History 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Floella Benjamin Martin Luther King
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Windrush Child: Benjamin Zephaniah 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benjamin Zephaniah (writer & poet) Katherine Johnson

Supporting Resources

BBC KS1 Black History: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/zjxjmbk>

BBC Black History Resources: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/articles/zjwf8xs#zjxxfdm>

Black History Heroes: BBC IPlayer: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000wfhj/our-black-history-heroes-series-1-1-mary-seacole>

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