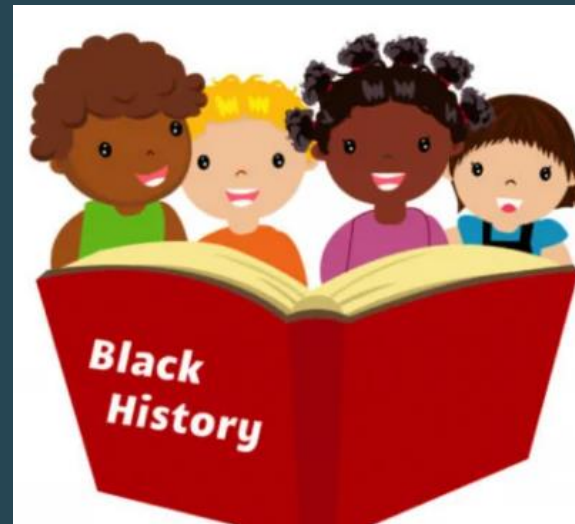


# Black History Month 2021



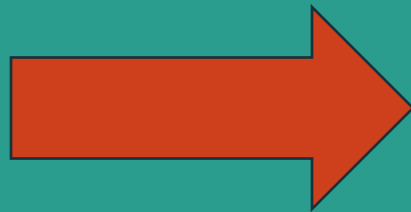
# Introduction

**What is Black History Month?**

**October is Black History Month.**

This national celebration **aims to promote and celebrate Black contributions to British society**, and to foster an understanding of Black history in general.

**The theme for 2021 is.....**



## Why does the United Kingdom celebrate it?

- Black History Month originates from the United States. It was set up by black educators as a way of recognising and celebrating the contributions of Black people. The idea was soon adopted in the UK and first celebrated in London in 1987 as part of an African Jubilee year.
- People from **African** and **Caribbean** backgrounds have been a fundamental part of British history for centuries. However, their value and contribution to society is often overlooked, ignored or distorted. Much of the history we learn about often only amplifies the events and the achievements of white people. So, we celebrate everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture.

Because Black History Month originated in the United States, we often learn more about African American history. So, this year, our focus will be closer to home!



# My Story/ Your story

## Tell your story

- What does Black History Month mean to you?
- Why is it important to you?



Jamaica



Grenada



Trinidad (&  
Tobago)





# History

Historical contributions made by people of African heritage.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Event

AD 43

Roman rule in Britain begins.  
An African auxiliary unit, Numerus Maurorum Aurelianorum, takes its position at Hadrian's Wall as part of the Roman army.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Event

1562

John Hawkins is the first Englishman to lead a slave trading voyage from the west coast of Africa. Britain became one of the biggest players in the enforced transportation of at least 13 million Africans.

The British slave trade is abolished on March 25 by the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Event

1948

The Empire Windrush arrives from Jamaica. The National Health Service is established and later, in the 1960s, many nurses from the Caribbean are invited to work in the UK. Much of the workforce that helps to build the NHS comes from the Caribbean.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Event

1990

Nelson Mandela was released after 27 years in prison. He fought for all people of all races to have equal rights in South Africa. Up until this point, Black people and White people could not mix and Black people could not vote.



## 5<sup>th</sup> Event

2008

Barack Obama is elected as the first African American President of the United States.



## 6<sup>th</sup> Event

2020

Footballer Marcus Rashford takes on the government, arguing that school meals should be available for children throughout the coronavirus pandemic.



# Did you know...?



**The first Britons were dark skinned!**  
Analysis of Cheddar Man, Britain's oldest (10,000 years old) complete skeleton tells us that they had dark to black skin, curly hair and blue eyes!

## Slavery was not the start of the Black community's experience in England!

In fact, Black people were here in England in the 18th century. They lived and worked at different levels of society - some found paid work as porters and trumpeters, while others were present at the royal courts of Henry VII, Henry VIII, Elizabeth I and James I.



There were Black soldiers from African and Caribbean countries who fought for Britain and the Allies during both WW1 and WW2.

Black History Month is also celebrated by Canada, Ireland, The Netherlands, and the United States!



The Rt Hon Diane Abbott, MP became the first Black female MP to be elected in the UK.

# Current Significant Black Britons

Black people and people of Black heritage have made huge contributions to British society and culture over thousands of years. Their contribution enriches art and literature, music, television and film, politics, education and sports.

How many do  
you recognise?



# Arts and literature



Leticia Wright, star of Black Panther



Well-loved children's author, Malorie Blackman became the first Black Children's Laureate in the UK.



Idris Elba, TV and film star, and DJ



Dapo Adeola, award-winning illustrator of children's books. Year 5 children may spot their book that he also illustrated!





# Sport



Sir Mo Farrah, CBE,  
multiple Olympic,  
World and European  
Champion



Nicols Adams, OBE  
Undefeated double  
Olympic Boxing  
Champion



Dame Jessica Ennis-  
Hill, DBE, Olympic and  
three-time World  
Champion Heptathlete



Sir Lewis Hamilton,  
MBE, Seven-time World  
Drivers' Championship  
titles – tied with Michael  
Schumacher...for now!



Raheem Sterling,  
MBE, Manchester City  
and England National  
Team footballer

# Politics and Culture



Sir Trevor McDonald,  
OBE, respected  
journalist and  
newsreader



Naomi Campbell,  
Supermodel,  
actress, innovator  
and activist



Charlene White,  
Newsreader and  
television presenter



The Rt Hon David  
Lammy, MP, Shadow  
Lord Chancellor and  
Shadow Secretary of  
State for Justice.



The Rt Hon Kwasi  
Kwarteng,  
MP, Secretary of  
State for Business,  
Energy and Industrial  
Strategy

# Music



Stormzy, Rapper, singer, songwriter and philanthropist



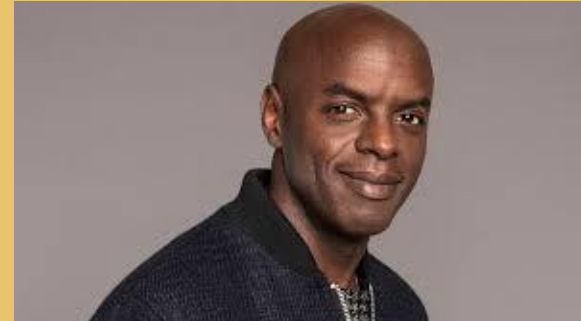
Sheku Kanneh-Mason, Cellist and first black musician to win the coveted BBC Young Musician of the Year award



Beverly Knight, MBE  
Singer, songwriter and actress



Lady Leshurr, Rapper, singer, songwriter and producer



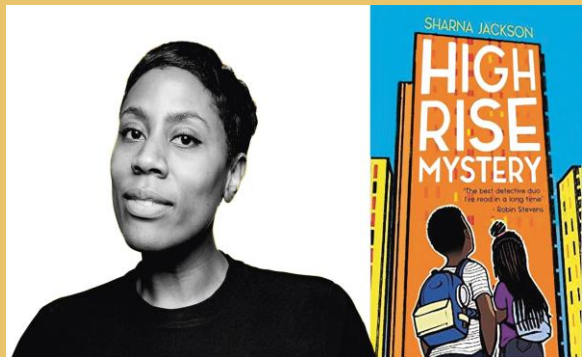
Trevor Nelson, DJ and presenter



# Other ways to celebrate at home

Here are a few examples:

- Discover **Black British artists**
- Read books by **authors of Black heritage**
- Listen to **Black musicians from around the world**
- Learn important moments of **Black British history**



# How will we celebrate Black History Month at DBJA?

Learning Centre: **Traditions** – you will be exploring traditions from across the continent of Africa!

Year 3: **Heritage** – you will be exploring traditions of West Africa!

Year 4: **Creativity** – you will be exploring the Caribbean!

Year 5: **Traditions** – you will be exploring traditions of South Africa!

Year 6: **Culture** – you will be exploring the richness of Black culture in the UK!

COMPETITION TIME!!!

This year we are having an art competition as part of our Black History Month celebrations!

The theme is: '**Black is beautiful**'.

More details coming to your teachers soon!

Enjoy the learning and get ready to share your fantastic work !  
*Miss Primus*





Black history *is* British history.



# Questions

As a class, make a list of questions or things you'd like to find out about Black History or any of the people you have come across in this powerpoint.

Remember to share your learning during our Black History Week!



# Resources

## Useful resources:

- <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/section/bhm-firsts/>
- <https://www.itv.com/news/2020-10-01/nine-black-british-icons-you-should-know>
- <https://www.theguardian.com/world/ng-interactive/2020/jul/11/black-history-timeline>

## Books for Grown Ups to read:

