

What is Black History Month?

Black History Month is a time set aside each year to celebrate the achievements of black people in the past and today.



Why do we have Black History Month?

In 1926, in America, a man called Carter G. Woodson introduced a “Black History Week,” which later turned into Black History Month.

In 1987, the first Black History Month took place in the UK.



October is Black History Month in the UK, an event that has been celebrated nationwide for more than 30 years.

The month was originally founded to recognise the contributions that people of African and Caribbean backgrounds have made to the UK over many generations.

Now, Black History Month has expanded to include the history of not just African and Caribbean people but black people in general.

Why is it important to study Black History?



What are we doing at Sketchley?

Each year group is going to investigate a person to find out about and you will complete an activity about them during the week.

Your findings will then be posted on the school Twitter site.



Who are the sorts of people we will find out about?

Across the school, we will be looking at people from the past who have Black heritage (most of whom lived at least for some time in the UK).

For example, the following video is about...



Emma Clarke 1876 - 1905

Emma Clarke



Who will you be investigating?



Marcus Rashford



Learie Constantine

Katherine Johnson



Dido Elizabeth Belle

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor



Mae Jemison

Walter Tull



What is historical enquiry?

Historians ask lots of questions about what happened in the past. What questions will you have about the person you're going to find out about?



To finish...

Who was George Bridgetower?



George Bridgetower, born in 1778, was a violinist and composer.

Although born in Poland, he spent most of his life in England and is known for performing with the famous composer Beethoven.

Here is an example of one of his compositions...

George Bridgetower



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