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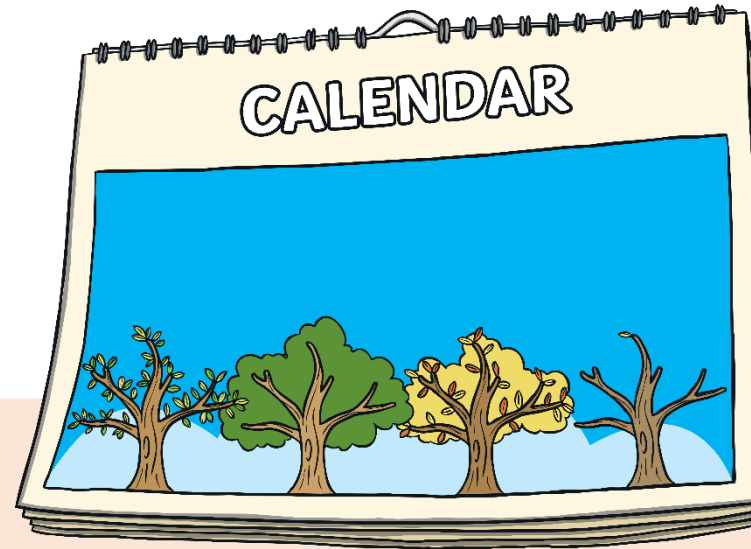
# Black History Month



# History Months

Throughout the year, there are months that celebrate the history (past) of different groups of people. These include LGBT+ History Month in February and Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month in June.

The history of different groups of people is part of all history so we should learn about everyone's history all year round. However, these specific months help people learn more about groups of people, their history and their importance to the wider world.



## Talk About It

If you could choose a month to celebrate a group of people, who would it be and why?

# Black History Month

Black History Month is celebrated each year in October. It is a chance to celebrate the **achievements** of Black people in the past and present.

It is celebrated in schools, museums, universities and lots of other places. People learn about important Black people and the impact they have had on **society**.

Black History Month was first celebrated in the UK in the 1980s.

## Did You Know...?

In the USA, Black History Month is celebrated in February each year.

**achievements** – Special things that people have done.

**society** – People who live in an area together.

# Why Do We Have Black History Month?

Black people have been an important part of society for a long time. Even though many Black people have achieved important things, they weren't often mentioned in history books, television shows about the past or even in school history lessons.

This meant that lots of people didn't know about all the amazing things that they had done. We have Black History Month so that people can learn about the important achievements of those people and help people to remember them.

Do you know who any of these people are?



Ignatius  
Sancho



Mary  
Seacole



Nelson Mandela



Katherine  
Johnson