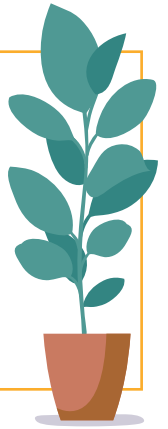


## Black History Month

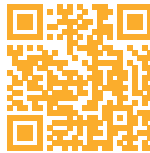
Friday 1st October until Sunday 31st October 2021.

**1. In groups, discuss what you think Black History Month is and why it came about.** Write your answers in the box below.



**2. Do some research and find out why Black History Month is in October.** Note your ideas below.

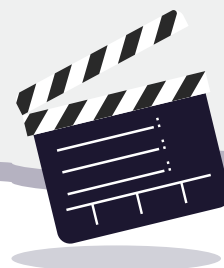
**3. Visit the Newsround website and watch the following video. In groups or as a class, discuss your thoughts on racism and diversity in the UK.**



BBC

**4. Who am I quiz: Try and work out the identity of the following inspirational black people. How many can you get right?**

**a.** I was born and raised in Philadelphia. I started out as an actor but then moved into singing. Now, I am not just famous for my singing and acting, but also for producing films and writing songs for other artists. I have been nominated for Golden Globes, Academy Awards and Grammys. I am the star of movie franchises like Men in Black and Bad Boys.



**b.** I was born long ago in 1913 in Alabama. In 1955, I refused to give up my seat on a public bus to a white person; I was arrested for this and fined \$10 (the equivalent of £75 in today's money). This incident sparked the "Montgomery Bus Boycott", which caused greater awareness of racial segregation and racism, and saw many rules and laws repelled. I later became known as "the mother of the civil rights movement". **Who am I?** \_\_\_\_\_



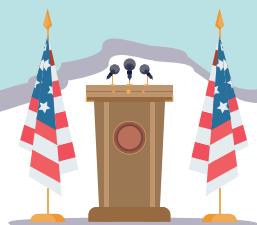
**c.** I was born in 1929 in Georgia in the USA. My father was a pastor in a Baptist Church, and he stood up against racial discrimination and segregation. I led the Montgomery Bus Boycott. I was heavily influenced by Mahatma Gandhi's teachings of non-violence and helped to organise nonviolent protests, marches and sit-ins. I delivered my famous 'I have a dream' speech in 1963. After I was fatally shot by James Earl Ray, President Johnson declared a National Day of Mourning. **Who am I?** \_\_\_\_\_



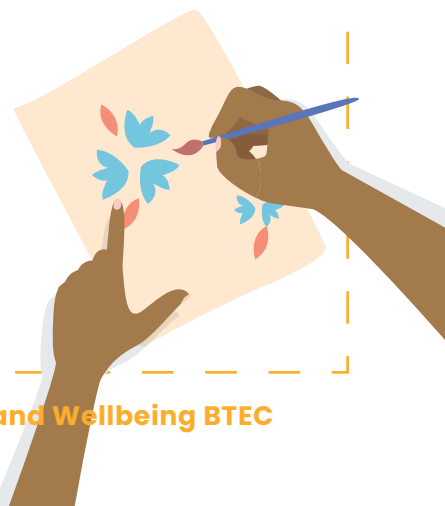
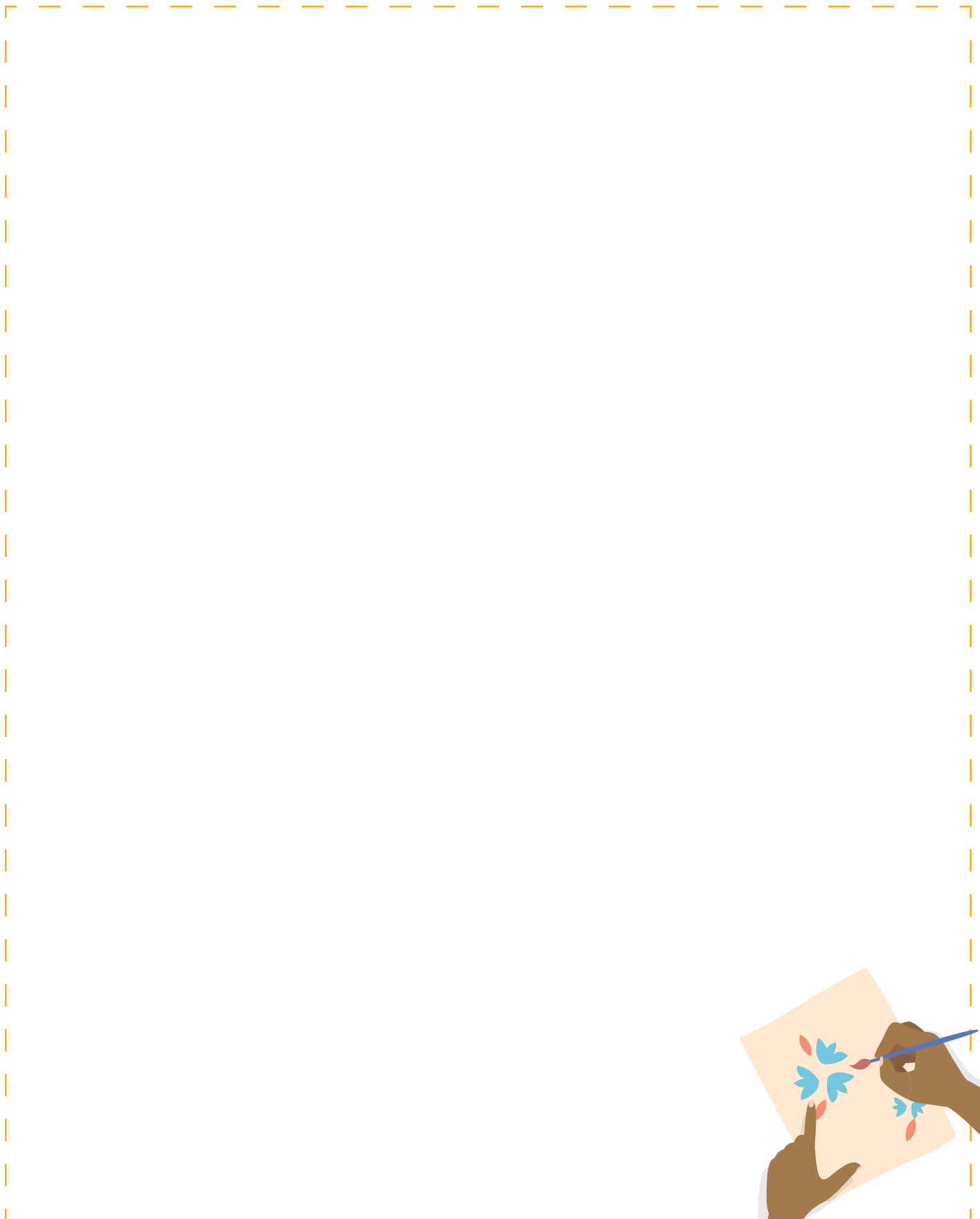
**d.** I am a black Briton and a sportsman. I started go-kart racing at eight years old. I was the first black racing driver to race in Formula 1. I now have more wins than any other driver in Formula 1 and I was the first person ever to reach 100 race wins in the sport. I am the first black Formula 1 world champion. **Who am I?** \_\_\_\_\_



**e.** I was born in Hawaii in 1961. I moved to Indonesia when I was four years old. I moved back to America when I was ten. In 1991, I graduated from Harvard Law School. In 2009, I earned the Nobel Peace Prize. In January 2009, I was officially inaugurated as the President of the USA. **Who am I?** \_\_\_\_\_



**5. Now it's time to design an event that celebrates black culture within your school and community. You might want to create an event or activity that involves music, film, fashion, culture or food.** In the space below, design a poster to encourage people to attend your event.



**Teacher answers:**

1. Black History Month was first launched in the 1980s. It was introduced to challenge racism, to educate communities about the history that was not taught at school, and to counteract a lack of representation in history books.
2. October is the month when African chiefs and leaders traditionally gather to settle their differences.
4. Who am I quiz
  - a. Will Smith
  - b. Rosa Parks
  - c. Martin Luther King Jr
  - d. Lewis Hamilton
  - e. Barack Obama

