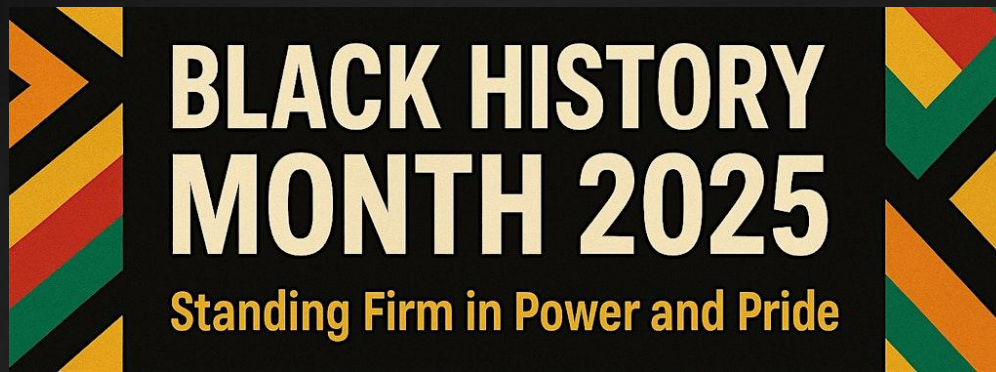


BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2025

Standing Firm in Power and Pride



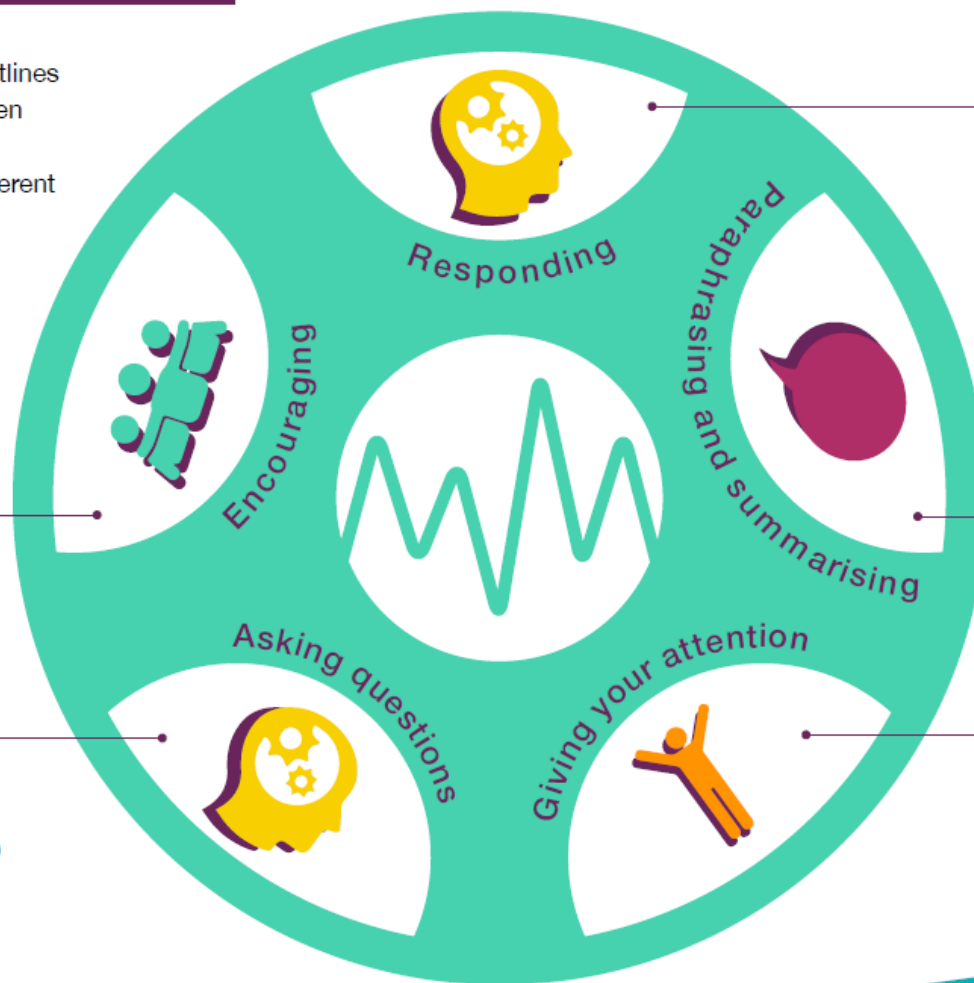


1. October is **Black History Month**
2. **Black History Month** in the UK celebrates the **history, arts and culture** of Black British people
3. **Black History Month** is so important, because it is a time when we learn about Black British people, who are not represented as much as White people in books, films and television. It is important to see people who look like ourselves in the books we read, the programmes we watch and our school curriculum.
4. Celebrating **Black History Month** at our school also reminds us of the importance of having **respect** and **tolerance** for all cultures

The Listening Wheel



The Voice 21 **Listening Wheel** outlines the different skills you need to listen effectively in a range of different situations. Each skill links to a different strand of the Oracy Framework.



In an appropriate way to what you have heard, to show you have understood

Putting what you've heard into your own words, or pulling out key information

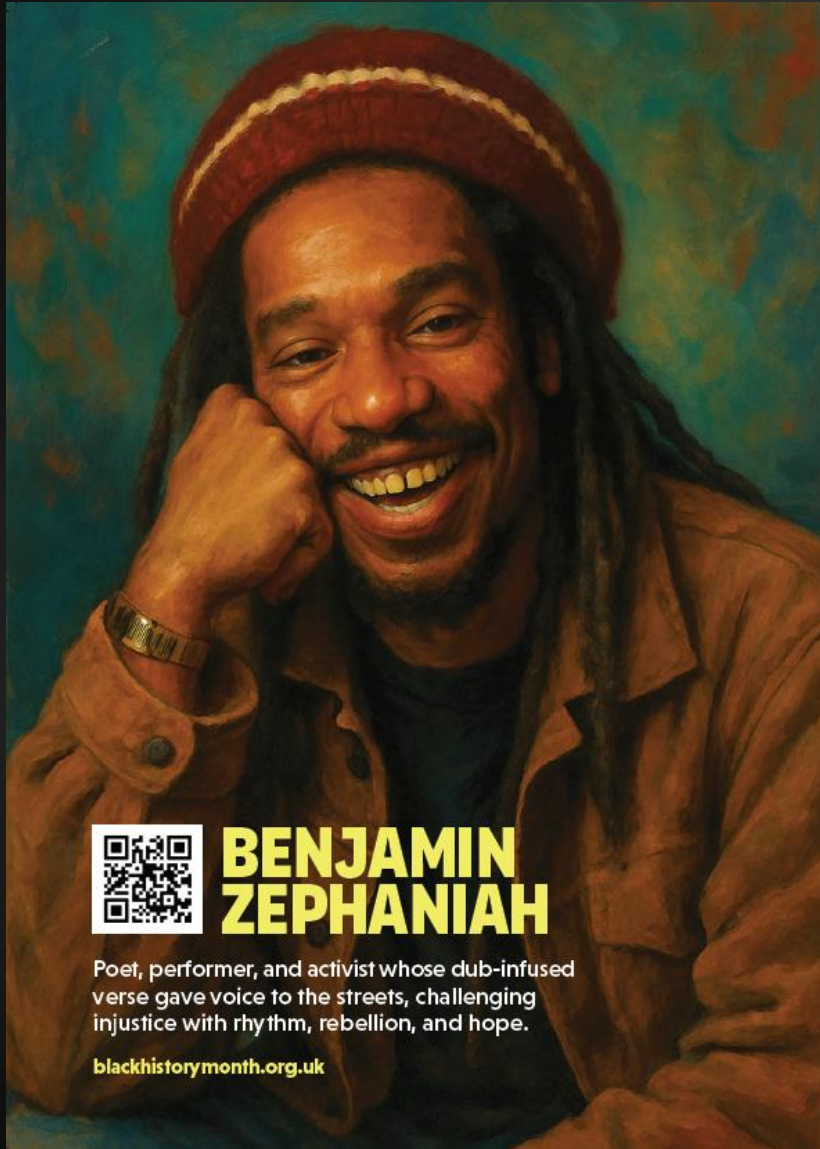
Notice non-verbal cues, consider your own body language and potential distractions

Reassure the speaker you are listening to them by nodding or offering words of encouragement

To probe (find out more) or clarify (check understanding)

Hear my story

Who was Benjamin Zephaniah?



Hear my story!

Listen to the audio about Benjamin Zephaniah

Who was Benjamin Zephaniah?

What were his poems based on?
What type of poetry did he bring
into schools and stages?
Which award did he turn down
and why?
Who did he want to give a voice
to?
Why do you think he is called the
'people's poet'?

**Hear my
story!**



Who was Benjamin Zephaniah?

Where did Benjamin Zephaniah grow up?
What was his experience of school?
What difficulties did he face when he was growing up?
What was the decision he made one day which changed his future?
How old was he when he first started using poetry?
What were his skills?
How do you think he showed pride and courage?

Hear my story!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtwmXjrMkAk>

Who was Benjamin Zephaniah?

Lots of people all around the world paid tribute to Benjamin Zephaniah when he died in December 2023.

Children from a school in Manchester told Newsround about their favourite Benjamin Zephaniah poems and what his poetry meant to them.

**Hear my
story!**



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/av/67665196>



REMINDER

Friday 24th October – Whole School - Wear Black History Colours

- **Black** = resilience
- **Red** = love
- **Yellow** = optimism and justice/fairness
- **Green** = greenery/nature