

# Black History Month Spotlight

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## EYFS – Dame Elizabeth Anionwu

*British Nurse*

Dame Elizabeth is best known for the substantial work she has done as a specialist in sickle cell research. She also was a campaigner to have the statue of Mary Seacole.



## Year 1 – Ella Fitzgerald

*Singer-songwriter and Composer*

Ella Fitzgerald was known as 'The First Lady of Song'. She was a revolutionary American jazz singer who performed all over the world.



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## Year 2 – Jesse Owens

### *Olympic Athlete*

Jesse Owens was an American athlete. He is best remembered for being the first American track and field athlete to win four gold medals at a single Olympic event. In 1936, at the Berlin Olympics, he won gold medals in the long jump, the 100- and 200-metre dashes, and the 4 x 100-metre relay.



## Year 3 – Bob Marley

### *Singer-songwriter and Guitarist*

Apart from being a musician, Bob Marley was also considered an unofficial ambassador for Jamaica, as he is known for introducing the world to Jamaican music. He spread ideas of personal freedom, peace, love and cultural unity.





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## Year 4 – Theresa A Singleton

*Archaeologist*

Theresa was the first African American woman to earn a doctorate in historical archaeology and African American history.



## Year 5 – Dr Shirley Thompson

*Composer and conductor*

Dr Shirley was born and raised (and still resides) in East London. A visionary artist and cultural activist, Thompson has pushed the boundaries of classical music composition and performance with ground-breaking productions that have attracted new audiences worldwide.



## Year 6 – Baroness Amos

*Baroness*

She is the first Black woman member of the House of Lords, appointed on 27 September 1997, and the first Black woman in the Cabinet when she was made International Development Secretary in 2003.

