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Throughout October, during every school day, we have spotlighted examples of Black people who have made history or impacted people's lives by doing something amazing.

Following the UK Black History Month theme of #ProudToBe the individuals we have chosen have made history because they are some, of many, countless incredible Black figures throughout history that have overcome barriers to achieve amazing success. We include many of them across the year as a part of our curriculum and use October as a way to celebrate their stories.

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It is of course important to share the stories of those people who are famous for fighting oppression and racism. These themes have played an enormous part in the lives of Black people (as well as indigenous populations and people of colour) for a very long time and still provide challenges in our society today.

However Black history is not only centred around these themes; it is an integral part of the story but not the whole story.

Oppression and racism are everyone's history.

Black History is extensive, vibrant, interesting and pioneering.
October has been Black History Month and a time to celebrate.

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Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock is (Miss Ball's favourite!) space scientist. She is the lead scientist at Astrium. Her work and designs are helping us to understand climate change as well as many other things!

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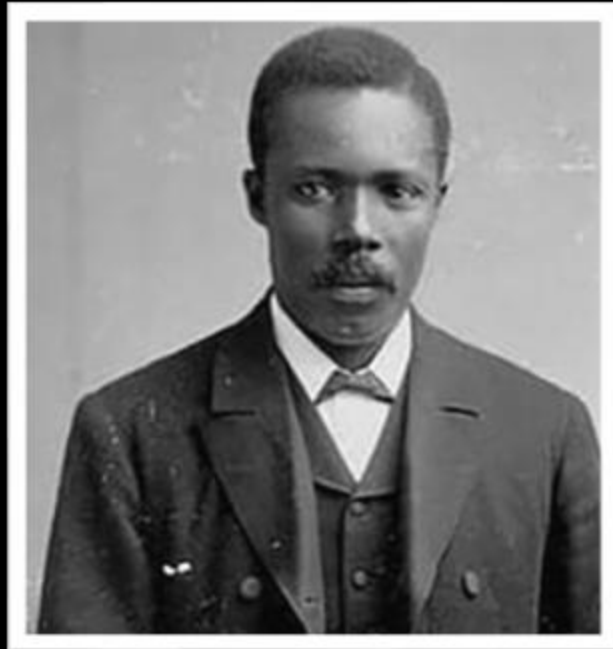
**Dr. Gladys West invented
GPS technology.**

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George Crum invented ...
CRISPS!

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**Vivien Thomas lead the
development of operations
done on babies with poorly
hearts.**

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Lisa Gelobter
Created GIFs (moving pictures!)

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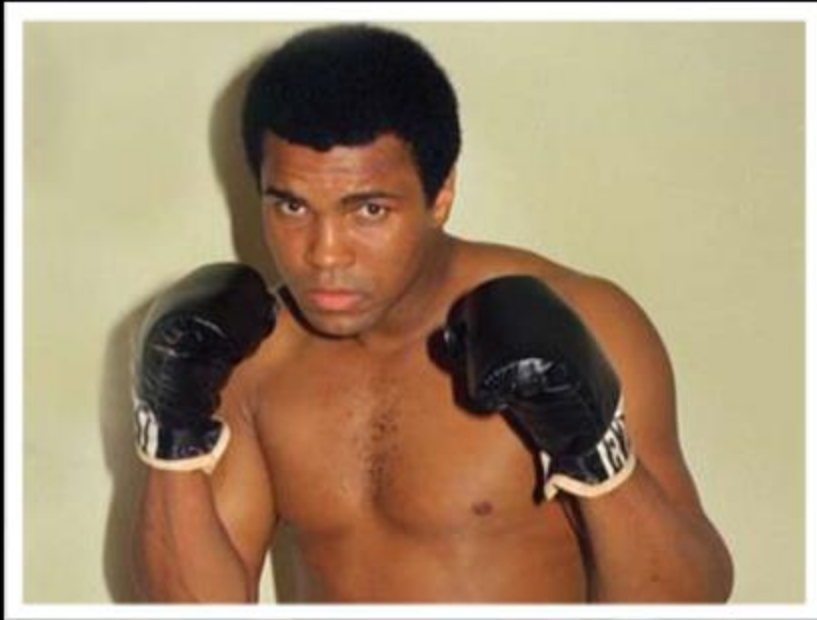
**Alice Bell developed one of
the first and most effective
treatments of a disease
called Leprosy.**

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Muhammed Ali was ranked as the best heavyweight boxer of all time, until very recently. Some might still consider him to be the best.

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Dame Elizabeth Anionwu helped to set up the first nurse-led screening and counselling centre for blood disorders affecting Black and other ethnic minority groups.

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Lonnie Johnson is an American inventor and engineer. He is best known for inventing the super soaker!

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**Serena Williams is
known as the best
female tennis player of
all time.**

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**Frederick McKinley
Jones invented the
fridge!**

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Lewis Hamilton is a race car driver, he became the youngest-ever driver to be ranked number one in the sport.

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**Aretha Franklin was a
singer. Her song,
Respect, was named
the number one song of
all time!**

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**Dr. Kizzmekia S. Corbett was
the lead scientist on the
Moderna Covid-19 vaccine
team.**

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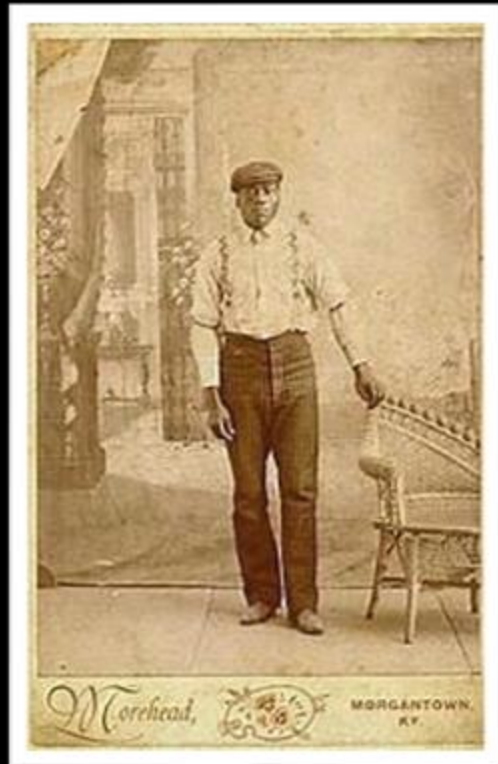
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**John Burr, invented the lawn
mower.**

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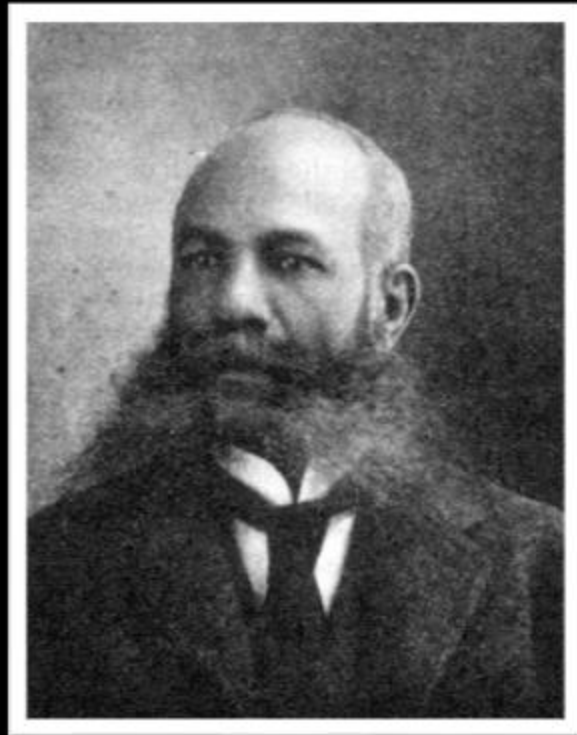
**Dr. Hadiyah-Nicole Green, the
first doctor to cure cancer in
mice with lasers!**

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**Alexander Miles invented the
lift/elevator.**

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Usain Bolt holds the current men's world record for sprinting.

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Florence Griffith-Joyner holds the current women's world record for sprinting.