

# BLACK HISTORY MARTIN LUTHER KING



Black History month runs throughout October. It provides an opportunity for schools to reflect on and develop their curriculum. These teacher notes, to complement the book *Little People Big Dreams - Martin Luther King*, have been produced to enhance primary school curriculum development and celebrate black people of Christian faith who have achieved incredible things.

## WHO?

Martin Luther King believed that you shouldn't remain silent or accept something if it is wrong and used the power of words to reach out to people. He encouraged others to protest peacefully for equal rights at a time when there were unfair rules that separated black people and white people. Martin was a Christian; many people in his family were pastors and he became a pastor too. Martin spoke in his church about love and justice which encouraged others to stand up for what is right in a peaceful way.

## Suggested Activities

**Read** the *Little people, Big dreams Martin Luther King* book as a class.

**Look** at the picture of Martin sat in the church. Can you add a speech or thought bubble to the picture.

Rosa Parks is mentioned in the book. Do you know the story of Rosa Parks? **Find out** more about Rosa's life. Rosa was a Christian and said that learning to trust in God gave her strength.

Look at BBC Bitesize video - Who was Dr. Martin Luther King? **Discuss** the questions together.

One of Martin Luther Kings most famous speeches started with the line "I have a dream" Do you have a dream for the future? Can you **write** a sentence starting with these famous words.

Can you think of something that is unfair or that you think should be changed? What would you say to someone to try and persuade them to make a difference? You might like to **record** some of your ideas on an ipad.

### **Further Information**

Please see our teacher notes on Harriet Tubman which compliment the Little People, Big Dreams - Harriet Tubman

You may also want to use the online Britannia School Encyclopedia on Hwb to look at the following people.

#### **Rosa Parks**

Rosa sat down and refused to stand up! She inspired many people to protest for changes to unfair rules.

#### **Mary Seacole**

Mary was a Jamaican businesswoman who cared for soldiers during the Crimean War.

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