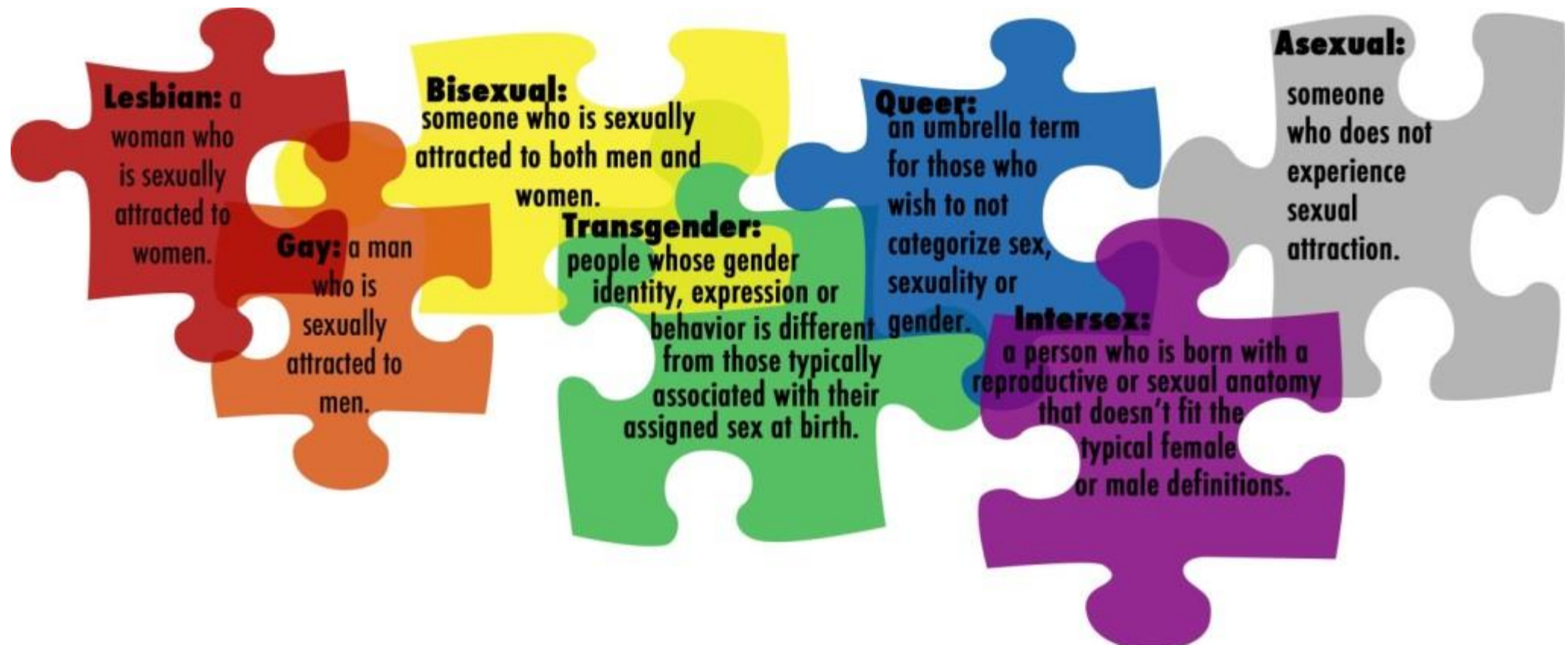


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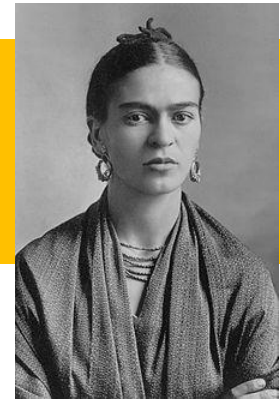


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- LGBT History Month provides **role models, builds community**, and represents a civil rights statement about the contributions of the LGBTQ+ community
- It is celebrated at different times of the year across the world but in the UK, it is observed during **February**; this coincides with a major celebration of the 2003 abolition of Section 28.
- This is different to **Pride** – pride parades in the UK usually happen in June (or summer) to commemorate the **Stonewall Riots/Stonewall Uprising** in 1969 (this event was a catalyst for Gay Rights activism in the US and around the world)

# What's the point?

- The Month is intended as a means to **raise awareness** of, and **combat prejudice** against the LGBT community while **celebrating its achievement and diversity** and making it more **visible**.
- History Month has three taglines - 'Claiming our past. Celebrating our present. Creating our future.'
- It has been suggested that we should uncover LGBT figures whose lives have been **forgotten** or '**straight-washed**' by history, to illustrate the group's tagline of "claiming our past", and to give **LGBT+ students some of the role-models and heroes** their straight classmates had an abundance of.





# What is this year's theme?

- This year's theme "The Arc is Long" is inspired by a Martin Luther King quote:

'The arc of the moral universe is long,  
but it bends towards justice.'

- The quote is thought to mean that although it is taking a **long time**, we are curving/moving towards **social justice** and **fairness**.

*We will reflect on this idea further in our follow up sessions with our tutors throughout the month.*



# *“It's been a long road to the Pride Parade”* Gallery

- Without the contributions of many people, LGBTQ+ History Month and Pride would not exist. Some of them are artists. Others are politicians. Many are just regular people who saw the need for change and took action.
- We will host a gallery focusing on LGBT figures from past and present over both lunchtimes.

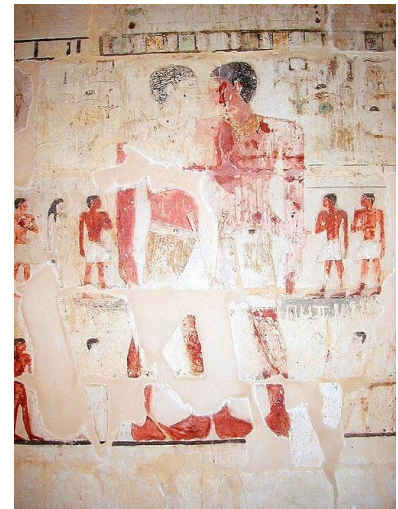


# Do you know your flags? Treasure Hunt



# Hidden LGBTQ+ History

- Through tutor set, the Diversity webpage (on the school website) and in the weekly bulletin we will signpost you to additional information about the following:
  - Queers in Ancient Egypt
  - Life as a member of the LGBTQ+ community under the Nazi regime
  - Trans representation in history and the media
  - Religious and cultural attitudes and/or acceptance





# Want to get involved?

- Pop and see me (Mrs Munro)
- Usually found in the Year 9 area (outside English) at the start of the school day, or on duty (neon yellow/green coat) or teaching in H1. You can email me too at [lmunro@toothillschool.co.uk](mailto:lmunro@toothillschool.co.uk).

