Three African Kings Visit Brighton in 1895:
An Online Black History Education Resource

Why is this story taught in schools?

- It is important for us all to understand what happened when the British Empire was created and the impact on people in Africa. The British Empire made Britain rich but this shows how it really affected people.

- This is a local story and helps us see the role our local area played in an important mission to keep Bechuanaland as free as possible. (Brighton is still a Sanctuary City.)

- It is interesting to see how a collection of art in Brighton Museum has such a long and interesting history.

- This story shows positive links between British people and African people in the 19th century. It is good to show positives and not how racist people were.

- This story shows us that ordinary people, like Howard Willoughby, can have a big role in important events. It is important to see how an individual can be significant (and a child).

- This story helps us to understand the personal impact of imperialism and the fact the Kings travelled so far when they hadn't ever seen an ocean before shows how important it was to them to stay as independent as possible.

- This story is important because it shows Africans in a powerful role instead of as victims. The kings paid Charles Willoughby and took control of the situation.

- This story is important because we need to understand the history of the British Empire so we can understand the Black Lives Matter movement and why people argue about statues.

- We often learn about powerful white men and this story shows the diversity in our history. It is good to promote anti-racism.