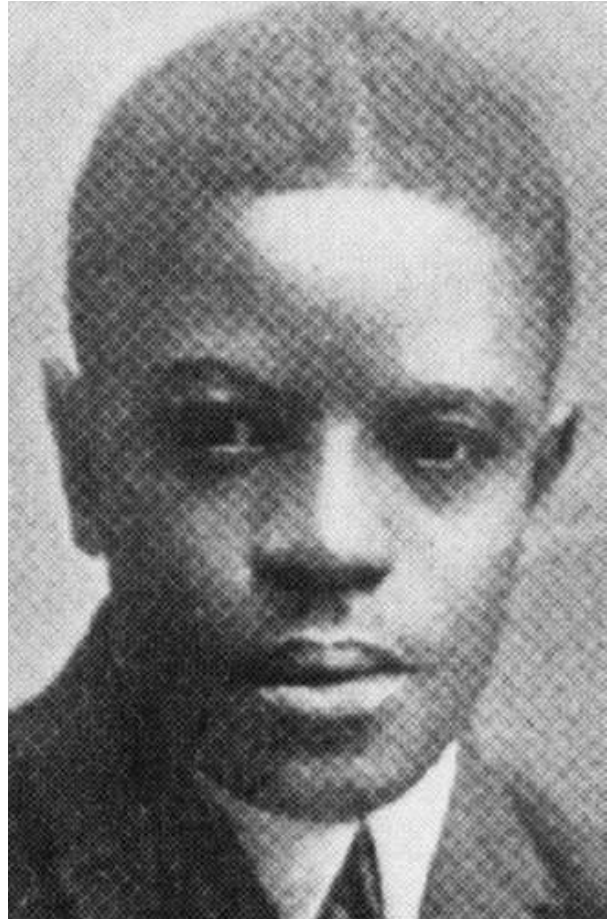




**WHO
WAS
MARSHALL
TAYLOR?**

"Life is too short for a man to hold bitterness in his heart."

Marshall Taylor





St. Benet's RC Primary School Upper Junior Project

Marshall Walter "Major" Taylor was an American cyclist who won the world 1 mile (1.6 km) track cycling championship in 1899 after setting numerous world records and overcoming racial discrimination. He was the first African-American athlete to achieve the level of world champion and only the second black man to win a world championship—after Canadian boxer George Dixon.

"Major Taylor's remarkable story really grips the children and opens their eyes to a significant period in history. Through this project the children will develop good skills of historical enquiry. Considerable emphasis is placed on obtaining information from a range of sources, distinguishing between primary and secondary sources, categorising, and evaluating reliability.

It is our aim to provide our children with a broad and balanced curriculum where exciting and stimulating lessons promote the development of children's knowledge, understanding and skills as part of the wider school curriculum.