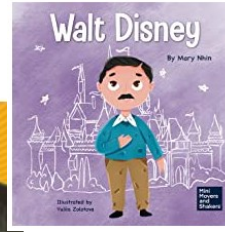
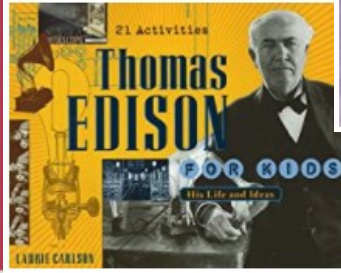
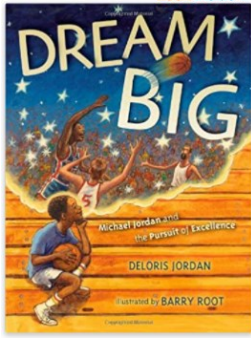


Theme Overview

“Zero to Hero” is a thematic unit about heroes and heroines, both past and present, who have overcome major challenges in life and become inspirational figures. There is a key subject focus on history. The children will learn about different people, of different ages, from different cultural backgrounds who all have one thing in common - courage and determination.

Recommended Reading...



Access books online for free through Hampshire School Library Service. Ask your child's teacher for their barcode/login information.

What we should know...

WHO?

Malala Yousafzai • Famous for campaigning for girls' education

Thomas Edison • Invented the light bulb

Michael Jordan • Famous basketball player

Walt Disney • Created some of the first cartoons

Mother Teresa • Helped poor people in India

WHY?

Why is Malala Yousafzai a hero? • Malala is incredibly brave. She was shot by the Taliban because she spoke out about how important it is for girls to be allowed to go to school, so they can achieve their dreams.

Why is Thomas Edison a hero? • He tried and failed over 1,000 times before he got it right! He never gave up and, eventually, invented the working light bulb.

Why is Michael Jordan a hero? He shows qualities of honour, achievement and courage and is a role model for kids to practice sports.

Why is Walt Disney a hero? Walt followed his dreams and positively impacted the lives of others.

Why is Mother Teresa a hero? She was compassionate, hardworking and persevered, helping people that others ignored, and opened schools and orphanages.

WHEN?

When was Malala born?

She was born in 1997.

When was Thomas Edison born?

He was born in 1847.

When was Mother Teresa?

She was born in 1910.

When was Michael Jordan born?

He was born in 1963.

When was Walt Disney born?

He was born in 1901.

WHERE?

Where was Malala born?

She was born in Pakistan.

Where did Mother Teresa work?

Mother Teresa moved to Ireland for a year to learn English, then moved to India, where she worked for most of her life.

Where was Walt Disney from?

He was born in America and lived on a farm for a time. That is where he started drawing cartoons.

HOW?

How do we know that Malala Yousafzai is a heroine?

Malala has received many awards for her bravery and is the youngest person ever to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

How do we know that Michael Jordan is a hero?

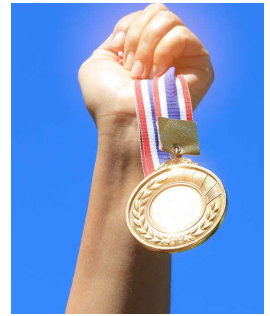
Michael Jordan has many fans worldwide and he has inspired many young basketball players.



How to...

...celebrate achievement

Share something you are proud of with the rest of the class. It might be a piece of writing, a drawing, something you have achieved outside of school e.g. swimming badge.



Key Vocabulary you should discuss with your child

Brave: showing courage

Calcutta: a very poor city in India

Create: Make or design something that has not been made before

Failure: when things go wrong

Hardship: severe difficulties

Inventor: somebody who invents things

Nun: a woman who has given herself to God and lives with other nuns. They keep promises to not be rich, not get married and do what God says

Perseverance: keeping going, keeping trying

Rejection: when people say 'no' to you

Respect: treating somebody or something well

Saint: a very kind and special person – a title given by the Roman Catholic Church

Slums: an overcrowded, poor, dirty area where the people who live there are very poor

Taliban: very extreme Muslim fighters

Concept Flow

- To realise that setbacks do not have to be a barrier to achievement – Michael Jordan
- To learn that perseverance is vital to achievement – Thomas Edison
- To understand that circumstances do not have to be a barrier to achievement – Malala Yousafzai
- To learn to overcome rejection in order to go on to succeed – Walt Disney
- To understand how showing respect for individuals leads to gaining respect - Mother Teresa

Please talk to your children about the information on this sheet. The more children discuss their learning the more likely they are to embed the learning to their memory. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.