Term 2 Wootton

From Tiny Acorns Mighty Oaks Grow Within the Love of God



Topic Overview

"Zero to Hero" is a history-based thematic unit about heroes and heroines, both past and present. They have all overcome major challenges in life to become inspirational figures. The people we will be learning about are Michael Jordan, Walt Disney, Mother Teresa, Thomas Edison and Malala Yousafzai.

English

This term in English, we will be using some of our inspirational, historical figures to give our writing some purpose. We will enjoy sharing some non-fiction texts as we learn about the lives and work of our inspirational figures, where we will discuss the features found such as a contents page, index and glossary. Together, we will understand that information can be collected using a variety of sources such as using the internet or books, etc. and will use this to research facts about our chosen person, before creating our own class information book. Also, we will be writing our own riddles, for others to guess our own heroes and we will use our learning about Malala Yousafzai to learn about the features of diaries before writing our own.

Maths

This term, both year groups will be completing their units on addition and subtraction, as well as learning about place value and shape. We will be using part whole models to find missing numbers in number sentences by using addition and subtraction and finding fact families, alongside gaining confidence by using a range of methods to add and subtract accurately. Together, we will be revisiting partitioning of numbers into tens and ones, as well as comparing numbers, before naming, recognising and sorting both 2d and 3d shapes, before using them to create patterns.

RE

In RE this term, we are very excited to learn our 'Universal' unit and our big question is: 'How should we care for others and the World and why does this matter?' From this, we will be thinking about how we are special and unique and how we should celebrate our differences. We will discuss friendships and how we should look after others, before looking at core values of different World Faiths and linking this back to our big question.

PE

This term our PE units will be dance and hockey. We welcome Sarah from GW Health & Fitness, who will be teaching us how to dance. We will gain confidence with moving our bodies in different ways and in time to music In hockey, we will learn new vocabulary relating to the sport, develop our knowledge of how to hold a hockey stick correctly to control the ball and understand how to play simple games. Our PE days will continue to be on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**.

History

Throughout this unit, we will be learning about some famous people who have overcome major challenges in life to become famous and inspirational figures:- Michael Jordan, Walt Disney, Mother Teresa, Thomas Edison and Malala Yousafzai. We will learn about these challenges and why they are admired by many people around the World. Together, we will think about how we could apply some of this determination in our own lives.

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Art

In Art this term, we are going to be looking at the inspirational artist of Christy Brown. We will look at a range of artwork produced by Christy, paying particular attention to his pieces which include both shapes and portraits of people to link nicely to our maths and heroes learning, respectively. More importantly, we will learn how he painted his artwork using just the toes on one of his feet! We will understand how his disability did not stop him from painting. We will replicate and create our own pictures based on his artwork and even have a go at trying to use our feet to create an image to show how hard it is!

PSHE

In our PSHE lessons, we will learn how we are similar and different to both our friends at school and people in the wider world. We will begin to learn about stereotypes and how some people have ideas about what we can or cannot do based on our gender, such as girls not being able to like football or boys not being able to wear jewellery. We will be recognising that everyone is special and unique and how everyone deserves to feel valued and respected, as well as how we can show respect to others too.

Science

In science this term, we will be completing more learning on materials from last term, exploring their properties in more detail through our work in Design Technology. We will also link our Science learning with our work on Thomas Edison. We will be observing and naming a variety of sources of light, as well as looking at how simple circuits work.

Design Technology

In Design Technology this term, we will be planning, designing and making a gift to give to one of our inspirational figures. To do this, we will be exploring the sensory qualities of materials, identifying our target group to make sure what we make is appropriate and purposeful as well as experimenting with how we can make structures stronger and more stable. We will be using a range of materials and we will explore how to join things in different ways, before evaluating and adapting what we make.

Computing

In computing during this unit, we will be linking our learning to using technology purposefully to create digital content in the form of videos and photos. We will link our learning to music, where we will film one another creating cheerleader chants and short films, linked to our learning on Walt Disney.

Music

In music this term, we will be improvising repeated patterns, recognising, recalling and performing simple rhythmic patterns as well as performing with control and awareness of an audience. Thinking about sporting heroes, we will be listening to some cheerleading chants, before composing our own. We will also be learning our Nativity songs this term.

Dates and Information

On Thursday 19th November we have a 'Hero Dress Up Day', where children are invited to dress up as their hero. This could be someone famous or somebody they know. Also, please see the additional document, that outlines some suggested homework activities for this term, including our weekly phonics, spelling and Maths learning. **Don't forget to read regularly too!**