

# Curriculum Newsletter

Zero to Hero

## Theme 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 and become inspirational figures:- Michael Jordan, Walt Disney, Mother Teresa, Thomas Edison and Malala Yousafzai.

## Maths

Fractions  
Money

## Literacy

Information Text  
Diaries and Blogs  
Riddles

Letters

## Art

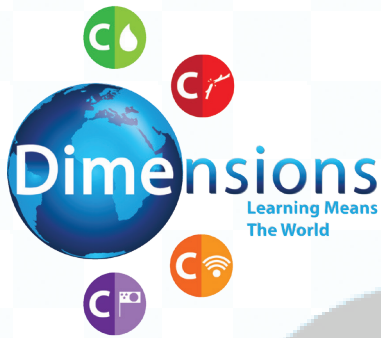
Painting - Christy Brown

## Science

Light and Electricity

## Design Technology

Design and make a gift for a famous person studied



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## Drama

Taking on the role of a famous person in an interview-style situation, they then use their historical knowledge and vocabulary to play a role in an interview with a famous historical figure.

## Music

Cheerleading

## PSHE

Goals and Targets  
Gender Stereotypes

## Speaking and Listening

Comparing pictures of famous people from the past and identifying any similarities and differences. Move to using questioning to identify the famous people. Finally, use what they have learnt about questioning to elicit the most information in order to describe their identity to a partner.

## Computing

Research  
Multimedia

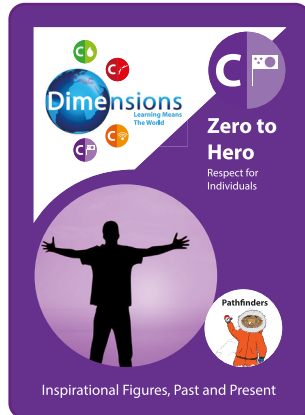


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Wish you'd... respect individuals

# Pathfinders - Zero to Hero

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## 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. You will learn about different people, of different ages, from different cultural backgrounds who all have one thing in common - courage and determination.

## Who?

### Malala Yousafzai

- Famous for campaigning for girls' education

### Thomas Edison

- Invented the light bulb

### Michael Jordan

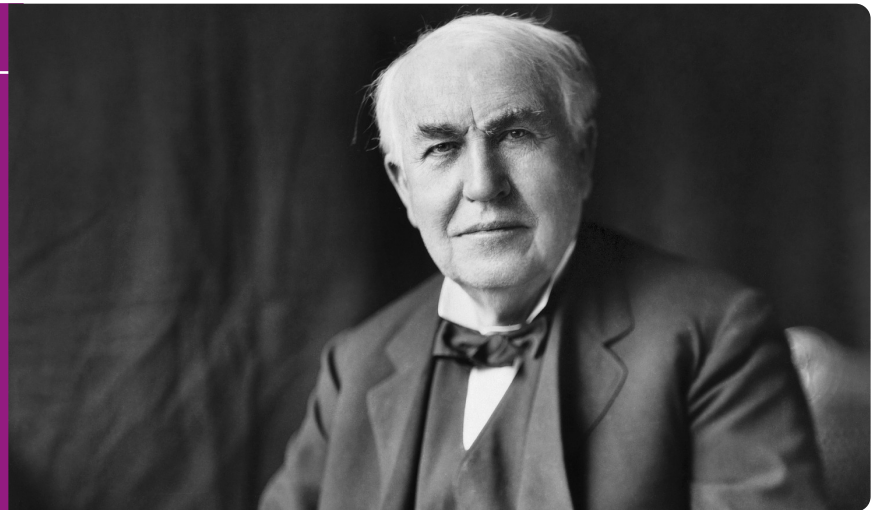
- Famous basketball player

### 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.

## 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.

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## 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.



## 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



## Vocabulary

**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