



Trailblazers/Protect our planet

Year 2

Spring 1

Study overview

A study of a range significant figures from a range of backgrounds. Ellie Simmonds, Tanni Grey-Thompson, Stevie Wonder, Earnest Shackleton, Amelia Earhart. All these studies will focus on the barriers they overcame in making their achievements, allowing the children to be both inspired by the stories, but also feel that anything is possible for them too. This will culminate in a present day study of Greta Thunberg and will link with previous learning on habitats in science. This will initiate the progressive understanding of Climate issues that they will learn about during the rest of their curriculum. The children will start to explore how they can sequence historical figures and events across a timeline of the last 120 years.

Key Vocabulary

History: biography, hero, heroic, inspirational, curious, bold, courageous, positive attitude, anger, fear, nervousness, respect, truthfulness, kindness, generosity activist, explorer, living history, pioneer

Geography: continent, globe, planet, map, globe, atlas, ocean, Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe, Australia, human features, physical features, landmark

National Curriculum Objectives

- Pupils should be taught about changes within living memory. Where appropriate, these should be used to reveal aspects of change in national life.
- Pupils should be taught about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements.

Knowledge to be gained

To know:

- about the lives of significant people from the past.
- the impact and achievements of a range of diverse significant figures from a range of backgrounds, and how this reflects change in national life
- how they overcame obstacles in order to make their achievements.
- what is meant by the term biography.
- how a timeline is used to order events and people in history.

Key Texts

- Little People, Big Dreams – Stevie wonder, Amelia Earhart
- Greta and the Giants
- The extraordinary life of Greta Thunberg
- The extraordinary life of Amelia Earhart
- Shackleton’s Journey
- Ice trap! Shackleton’s Incredible Expedition
- 100 things to know about saving the planet
- Swimming the Dream – Ellie Simmonds
- Ellie Simmonds – Champion swimmer

Key Experiences

- Writing letters with questions to Ellie Simmonds and reading replies.

Linked learning in English and Grammar

Biography writing – linked with trailblazers from our topic.

Diary writing linked with the journey of Shackleton to the South Pole and Amelia Earhart’s transatlantic crossing.

Linked learning in Science

Exercise and Hygeine 2.4 and 2.5 (Pzaz)

Dead or Alive 2.11 (Pzaz)

Parachute drop experiment.

Linked learning in Art

Recycled art – learning about different artists who use recycled materials in their work. Creating collaborative art pieces and individual collages.

Linked learning in Geography

Mapping the flight of Amelia Earhart and journey of Earnest Shackleton

Linked learning in Music

Stevie Wonder – learning about his life, why he is a significant person, listening to his music and that of other people from the same era.

Charanga unit – Inventing a musical story.

Discrete learning in PSHE

Dreams and goals. Keeping positive and working hard to achieve a goal. Working with a partner or as part of a team and helping others to achieve their goals.

Discrete learning in Physical Education

Outdoor – Sporting best (developing agility in running, jumping and landing and skipping)

Indoor – Dance routines to Stevie Wonder music.

Discrete learning in Religious Education

How do Muslims show that Allah is compassionate and merciful?

Discrete learning in Computing

Spreadsheets – use 2calculate totalling tools, copy, cut and paste, edit data and create a spreadsheet then convert data into a block graph.

Linked learning in History

Living History timeline – placing significant people on a timeline and learning how they have impacted people’s lives. Historical events. The history of flight.