

We Are Heroes

17th Century

Maria Sibylla Merian
(1647—1717)



A German naturalist and scientific illustrator who was one of the earliest European naturalists to observe insects directly.

Isaac Newton
(1643-1727)



An English Mathematician and astronomer, most famous for discovering laws of gravity and motion.

18th Century

Jane Austen (1787-1817)

A famous English novelist who wrote 'Pride and Prejudice'. She published her books anonymously and was only discovered as the author after her death.



19th Century

Ada Lovelace (1815-1852)



An English mathematician and the first person to create a computer program.

Matthew Henson (1866-1955)



An African-American explorer who was the first man to reach the North Pole in 1909.

21st Century

Greta Thunberg (2003 -)



A Swedish environmental activist who has inspired millions of people to take action against climate change.

Malala Yousafzai (1997)



A Pakistani activist who believed that all girls had a right to an education. She spoke out about the issue, even though it was dangerous to do so.

Stephen Hawking (1942 - 2018)



A British cosmologist best known for his work on black holes. When he was 21 he was diagnosed with motor neurone disease which affected his ability to walk and speak.

Katherine Johnson (1918 - 2020)



An American mathematician who helped send astronauts to the moon.

Tessa Sanderson (1956 -)



A British athlete who competed in javelin in six Olympic games. She is the only British athlete to win at a throwing event.

20th Century

Key Vocabulary

Resilience - the ability to cope with challenges and bounce back when things go wrong.

Perseverance - being able to continue and not give up when something is difficult.

Stereotype - an incorrect judgement or belief about a person, or group of people, based on how they look or behave.

Settlement - a place where people live. They can be small like a hamlet, or large like a city.

Activist - a person who takes actions to make the changes they want to see in the world.

Cosmologist - someone who studies the nature and origin of the universe.