

Role Models Overview

Yr	Role model	Linked subject	CARE value(s)	Reasons
6	Jane Goodall	Science	Curiosity / Empathy	1. Kindness and Respect for Animals Jane Goodall is famous for her love and care for animals, especially chimpanzees. She shows children the importance of treating all living things with respect and compassion. 2. Curiosity and Love of Learning Jane started observing animals as a child and followed her passion to become one of the world's most respected scientists, even without a traditional university science background at first. She shows that being curious and asking questions can lead to great discoveries. 3. Perseverance and Courage She worked in the African jungle, often in difficult conditions, to study chimpanzees. She never gave up, even when things were hard or people doubted her. 4. Protecting the Planet Jane is a strong voice for the environment. She teaches children the importance of protecting animals, forests, and the Earth. Her <i>Roots & Shoots</i> program helps young people get involved in making the world a better place. 5. Positive Action Jane Goodall believes that everyone can make a difference, no matter how small. This message can inspire children to believe in themselves and take action in their own communities.
	Nadiya Hussain	DT / PSHE - mental health	Resilience / Empathy	1. Confidence and Overcoming Fear Nadiya was very nervous when she entered <i>The Great British Bake Off</i>, but she didn't let fear stop her. She shows children that it's okay to feel scared — what matters is trying your best and believing in yourself. 2. Hard Work and Determination She worked very hard to improve her baking skills and stayed determined even when challenges came her way. This teaches children that success comes from effort, not giving up. 3. Celebrating Individuality and Diversity Nadiya is proud of her background and identity as a British Muslim woman. She shows children that it's great to be yourself and that differences should be celebrated, not hidden. 4. Creativity and Passion Nadiya loves baking and cooking — and she turned her passion into a career! This encourages children to explore their own interests, whether it's art, science, music, sport, or cooking.

				5. Kindness and Positivity Nadiya is known for being warm, kind, and down-to-earth. She uses her voice to spread messages about kindness, mental health, and being supportive of others — qualities that make her a great role model for young people.
	William Shakespeare	Guided Reading	Aspiration	1. Creativity and Imagination Shakespeare created some of the most famous stories and characters in the world — from <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> to <i>Macbeth</i> to <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>. He shows children how powerful imagination and storytelling can be. 2. Love of Language He loved playing with words, making up new ones, and writing in clever ways. His work shows that language can be fun and exciting, and it encourages children to be creative in their own writing. 3. Hard Work and Passion Shakespeare came from a small town and didn't come from a rich or famous family. Through passion and hard work, he became one of the most respected writers in history. That teaches children that where you come from doesn't limit what you can achieve. 4. Understanding People and Emotions His plays explore big ideas like love, jealousy, ambition, and kindness — the same feelings children experience today. This helps children learn empathy and better understand themselves and others. 5. Lasting Influence Shakespeare's work is still being read, performed, and loved all over the world today. That shows children how one person's creativity can have a huge, lasting impact.
5	Mae Jemison	Science	Empathy / Aspiration	1. First Black Woman in Space Mae Jemison made history in 1992 by becoming the first black woman to travel into space. She shows children that no dream is too big — even going to space is possible! 2. Loves Learning and Tries New Things Mae didn't just study science — she also loved dancing and even became a doctor before becoming an astronaut! She teaches children it's okay to love lots of different things and to follow all their interests. 3. Works Hard and Never Gives Up Mae faced many challenges, including people telling her she couldn't be an astronaut. But she worked hard and didn't let those doubts stop her. This helps children see that determination can overcome obstacles. 4. Believes in Helping Others Mae became a doctor so she could help people, and now she works to help young people around the

				world get better education in science and technology. She shows how important it is to use your talents to make the world better. 5. Shows That Everyone Belongs in Science Mae helps children understand that anyone — no matter their background, gender, or skin colour — can succeed in science, technology, and space exploration.
David Attenborough	Science / Geography	Curiosity		1. Passion for the Natural World David Attenborough has spent his life exploring the Earth and sharing its wonders through documentaries. He helps children fall in love with animals, oceans, forests, and all parts of nature. 2. Excellent Communicator and Teacher He explains science and nature in a way that's exciting and easy to understand. He shows that learning can be fun and that sharing knowledge is a powerful thing. 3. Cares Deeply About the Environment David Attenborough speaks up about climate change, pollution, and protecting wildlife. He inspires children to care about the planet and shows that even small actions can help. 4. Curious and Always Learning Even in his 90s, he continues to learn and explore new things! He proves that being curious and asking questions is something you can do your whole life. 5. Kindness and Respect David is known for being calm, kind, and respectful — to people, animals, and the environment. These are important values for children to learn and follow.
Mo Farah	PSHE (Celebrating Difference) / Guided Reading (Boy at the Back of the Class)	Resilience / Aspiration		1. Hard Work and Determination Mo Farah trained for years to become one of the greatest long-distance runners in the world. He proves that with effort and practice, you can achieve amazing things — even Olympic gold medals! 2. Overcoming Challenges Mo came to the UK as a young boy who couldn't speak much English. Life was difficult at first, but he never gave up. He shows children that challenges can be overcome with courage and support. 3. Positive Attitude Mo is known for his smile, positive energy, and his famous "Mobot" celebration. He teaches children to enjoy what they do and to celebrate their achievements, big or small. 4. Teamwork and Gratitude Even though running is an individual sport, Mo always thanks his coaches, family, and teammates. He reminds children that it's important to appreciate the people who help you. 5. Helping Others

				Mo uses his fame to support charities and raise awareness about important issues, like children's health and refugee support. He encourages children to be kind and to make a difference in the world.
4	Benjamin Zephaniah	Guided Reading	Empathy / Resilience	1. Loves Reading and Writing Benjamin struggled with reading and writing when he was younger, but he didn't give up. He became a famous poet and author, showing children that you can improve and succeed, even if learning feels hard at first. 2. Speaks Up for Fairness He uses his poems to talk about important things like equality, kindness, and standing up against unfairness. He shows children that words can be powerful tools for change. 3. Proud of Who He Is Benjamin is proud of his Jamaican roots and his Brummie (Birmingham) background. He teaches children to be proud of who they are and where they come from — and to celebrate what makes them unique. 4. Creative and Fun His poems are full of rhythm, humour, and energy. He shows children that writing and poetry can be exciting and fun — not boring! 5. Kindness and Respect He talks a lot about peace, respect for others, and caring for animals. These are important values for children to learn and follow.
	Greta Thunberg	Geography	Aspiration / Empathy	1. Brave and Confident Greta started speaking out about climate change when she was just 15. She spoke to world leaders and stood up for what she believed in, even when it was difficult. She shows children that it's okay to speak up for what's right. 2. Cares About the Planet Greta wants to protect the Earth — the air, the oceans, the animals, and people too. She inspires children to recycle, save energy, and take care of nature. 3. Young but Powerful Greta proves that you don't have to be a grown-up to make a difference. She began with a simple school strike and turned it into a global movement. That helps children believe their actions and voices matter too. 4. Hardworking and Determined Greta keeps going, even when people disagree with her. She teaches children to never give up when fighting for something important. 5. Honest and Caring

				She speaks honestly about how she feels and what she believes, and she always wants to help people and the planet. These are great qualities for children to learn and follow.
	Ernest Shackleton	Geography / English	Curiosity / Resilience	1. Brave Explorer Ernest Shackleton went on daring journeys to explore Antarctica — one of the coldest, most dangerous places on Earth. He wasn't afraid to face challenges, which shows children how to be brave when trying something new. 2. Never Gave Up When his ship, the <i>Endurance</i>, got trapped in ice, Shackleton and his crew were in danger for months. But he never gave up hope, and he worked hard to keep everyone safe. This shows children the power of determination. 3. Caring Leader Shackleton put his team first. He made sure everyone stayed together and helped them stay calm and hopeful. He teaches children the importance of teamwork, kindness, and looking out for others. 4. Solving Problems He had to think quickly and make smart decisions to survive in harsh conditions. Shackleton shows children how to stay calm in tricky situations and try their best to solve problems. 5. Real-Life Adventure His story is exciting and true! Learning about his journey can spark curiosity and help children become more interested in geography, history, and the natural world.
3	Ellie Simmonds	Sport/PSHE/ Science	Resilience / Aspiration	1. Curious About Her Abilities Ellie Simmonds always wanted to find out what she could achieve in the water. She explored swimming from a young age and loved discovering what her body could do. Her curiosity makes her a great role model for children who are learning to believe in themselves and try new things. 2. Reached Big Goals Ellie won gold medals at the Paralympics and broke world records. She shows children that with practice, determination, and confidence, they can achieve amazing things too — no matter their challenges. 3. Worked Hard and Never Gave Up She trained for hours every day, even when it was tough. Her dedication teaches children the importance of perseverance and shows that success doesn't happen overnight — it comes from effort and resilience. 4. Loved What She Did Swimming wasn't just a job for Ellie — she truly enjoyed it. She reminds children that when you follow

				your passion, learning and growing can be fun and exciting. 5. Inspired the World Ellie showed people everywhere that being different doesn't stop you from doing great things. As a role model, she encourages children to be proud of who they are and to believe that they can make a difference too.
	Isaac Newton	Science	Curiosity	1. Curious About the World Newton asked lots of questions about how things work — from why apples fall from trees to how light travels. His curiosity helps children see that asking questions is the first step to learning new things. 2. Made Important Discoveries He discovered gravity and made important discoveries about light and motion. This shows children that studying and experimenting can help us understand the world better. 3. Worked Hard and Focused Newton spent many years working carefully on his ideas, even when it was difficult. He teaches children that success comes from patience and dedication. 4. Loved Learning Even after his big discoveries, Newton kept studying and learning throughout his life. This shows that learning never stops — it's a lifelong adventure. 5. Changed the World His work has helped shape science and technology today. Newton shows children that one person's ideas can change the way we live and think.
	Martin Luther King	PSHE	Empathy / Resilience	1. Believed in Equality Martin Luther King fought so that all people, no matter their skin colour, would be treated fairly and equally. He shows children that everyone deserves respect and kindness. 2. Peaceful and Brave He used peaceful protests and powerful speeches — not violence — to bring about change. He teaches children that standing up for what is right can be done with courage and kindness. 3. Never Gave Up Even when things were very hard and dangerous, Martin Luther King kept working for justice. This shows children the importance of perseverance and hope. 4. Dreamed of a Better World His famous "I Have a Dream" speech encourages children to believe in a future where everyone lives in harmony. It inspires them to imagine and work for a better world. 5. Spoke for Others

				He gave a voice to people who were treated unfairly and helped change laws. Martin Luther King teaches children about fairness and helping others who might need support.
2	Isambard Kingdom Brunel	History	Curiosity / Resilience	1. Inventive and Creative Brunel designed some of the most famous bridges, tunnels, and trains in Britain. His creativity helped build new ways for people to travel and connect, showing children that imagination can change the world. 2. Loved Solving Problems He faced many challenges while building his projects, but he used his brains and kept trying until he found solutions. This teaches children the value of persistence and problem-solving. 3. Worked Hard Brunel worked long hours and stayed focused on his goals. He shows children that working hard is important when trying to achieve big dreams. 4. Dreamed Big He didn't just want to build ordinary things — he wanted to create the biggest and best. Brunel encourages children to set big goals and believe in themselves. 5. Left a Lasting Legacy Many of Brunel's creations, like the Great Western Railway and the Clifton Suspension Bridge, are still admired today. He shows children that their work can have a lasting impact.
	Mary Seacole	History	Empathy	1. Brave and Caring Mary Seacole travelled far from home to help sick soldiers during the Crimean War. She shows children the importance of being brave and caring for others, even in difficult situations. 2. Overcame Challenges She faced many obstacles because of her race and gender but never gave up on her dream to help people. Mary teaches children to keep going, even when things are hard. 3. Skilled Nurse and Healer Mary used her knowledge of medicine and natural remedies to care for soldiers, showing children the value of learning and using skills to help others. 4. Independent and Determined She paid for her own trip to the war and worked hard to make a difference. Mary shows that being independent and determined can help you achieve your goals. 5. Kindness and Compassion She treated everyone with kindness and respect. Mary teaches children how important it is to be caring and helpful in their communities.

	Dorothee Pullinger	DT / PSHE (challenging gender stereotypes)	Aspiration / Resilience	1. Pioneer in Engineering Dorothee was one of the first female car designers and engineers at a time when most women didn't work in those jobs. She shows children that they can do anything they set their minds to — no matter their gender. 2. Creative Problem Solver She helped design cars that were easier to drive and maintain, showing children how using creativity and clever ideas can improve people's lives. 3. Hardworking and Determined Dorothee worked hard to succeed in a tough, male-dominated industry. She teaches children that determination and hard work help you reach your goals. 4. Role Model for Girls in STEM Her success encourages girls to explore careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths (STEM), showing that these fields are open to everyone. 5. Inspired Others Dorothee also worked to create jobs and training for women during difficult times, teaching children about kindness and helping others.
1	Mary Anning	History	Curiosity	1. Curious and Passionate Mary loved searching for fossils on the beach and was fascinated by the natural world. She teaches children that being curious and interested in nature can lead to exciting discoveries. 2. Self-Taught Scientist Mary didn't have much formal education, but she learned a lot by exploring, observing, and asking questions. This shows children that they can learn and achieve great things even if school is tough. 3. Made Important Discoveries She found many important dinosaur fossils that helped scientists understand prehistoric life. Mary shows children that their efforts can make a big difference. 4. Worked Hard Despite Challenges Mary came from a poor family and faced many difficulties, but she kept working hard and following her passion. She teaches children to never give up, no matter their background. 5. Inspired Science and Exploration Her discoveries changed how people thought about the Earth and its history, encouraging others to explore and learn more.
	Helen Keller	PSHE (Celebrating	Resilience / Aspiration	1. Overcame Disabilities Helen lost her sight and hearing when she was very young, but she didn't let that stop her from learning

		Difference)		and communicating. She teaches children that challenges can be faced with courage and hard work. 2. Loved Learning With the help of her teacher, Anne Sullivan, Helen learned to read, write, and speak. She shows children that learning is possible no matter what difficulties you face. 3. Determined and Persistent Helen worked very hard every day to achieve her goals. Her determination teaches children the importance of never giving up. 4. Helped Others Helen became an author and speaker, inspiring people all over the world. She worked to help others with disabilities, showing kindness and a desire to make the world better. 5. Positive Attitude Helen stayed positive and hopeful throughout her life, encouraging children to believe in themselves even when things are hard.
	Michael Rosen	English / Sharing books	Resilience / Empathy	1. Loves Stories and Poems Michael Rosen is a famous poet and author who writes funny and imaginative stories and poems that children love. He shows how reading and writing can be fun and exciting. 2. Encourages Creativity He encourages children to use their imagination and try writing their own stories and poems, helping them find their own voices. 3. Kind and Caring Michael often talks about kindness and understanding others. He teaches children to be caring and respectful to everyone. 4. Speaks Up for Important Issues He uses his voice to talk about things like education and health, showing children that it's important to speak up and share their opinions. 5. Turned Hard Times into Help for Others Even after these painful experiences, like losing his son (Eddie) at an early age to meningitis or suffering badly with COVID (where he was in a coma and had to learn to walk and talk again), Michael used them to write books and poems that help children and adults understand grief, illness, and recovery. He turned something difficult into something helpful.
R	Rosa Parks	PSED - right from wrong, respecting	Resilience	1. Stood Up for What's Right Rosa Parks believed that everyone should be treated equally. When she refused to give up her seat on a bus because of the colour of her skin, she stood up peacefully for fairness. She shows children that it's

		others Understandin g the world - similarities and differences, fairness and equality		important to stand up for what is right. 2. Brave and Strong Even though she knew she could get into trouble, Rosa stayed calm and brave. She teaches children that courage doesn't mean being loud or angry — it means doing the right thing, even when it's hard. 3. Peaceful Role Model Rosa helped lead a big change without using violence. Her peaceful protest teaches children that using calm words and actions can be powerful. 4. Helped Change History Her actions started the Montgomery Bus Boycott and helped spark the Civil Rights Movement in America. This shows children that one person's actions can make a big difference. 5. Kind and Respectful Rosa Parks was respectful to everyone, even when people were unkind to her. She reminds children to treat others with kindness, even when they face unfairness.
	The Queen	Understandin g the world - learning about people who help us, national figures and British traditions	Empathy (?)	1. Hardworking and Dedicated The Queen worked for over 70 years, serving her country and the Commonwealth with care and commitment. She shows children the value of doing your duty and trying your best every day. 2. Calm and Kind She was known for staying calm during difficult times and showing kindness to others. This teaches children how to be gentle, respectful, and thoughtful, even in tough situations. 3. Respectful and Fair The Queen treated people with respect, no matter who they were. She teaches children the importance of treating everyone equally and politely. 4. Loved Learning and Nature She enjoyed learning about history, animals, and the outdoors. This encourages children to be curious, interested in the world, and to enjoy learning new things. 5. Set a Good Example By being honest, respectful, and responsible, the Queen set an example for others to follow — something that helps children understand how to make good choices and be a positive influence.
	Dame Sarah Storey	PSED - determination and resilience, understanding differences	Aspiration	1. Overcame Challenges Sarah was born with a disability and couldn't use one of her legs. But she didn't let that stop her from becoming a top athlete. She teaches children that challenges don't have to hold you back. 2. World Champion Athlete She has won many gold medals in cycling and swimming at the Paralympic Games, showing that with

		and disabilities Physical Development		hard work and practice, you can achieve great things. 3. Determined and Dedicated Sarah trains very hard and never gives up, even when things are tough. She shows children the importance of perseverance and setting goals. 4. Inspires Others She uses her success to encourage others, especially people with disabilities, to try sports and believe in themselves. 5. Kind and Humble Despite her success, Sarah remains humble and kind, showing children the importance of staying grounded and respectful.
N	Julia Donaldson	Communication and language - listening to stories and rhymes PSED - themes of friendship, kindness, and cooperation UTW - themes of nature, animals, and different environments	Curiosity / Aspiration	1. Creative Storyteller Julia writes fun and imaginative stories and poems, like <i>The Gruffalo</i>, that children love. She encourages kids to use their imagination and enjoy reading and writing. 2. Hardworking She works hard to create stories that teach important lessons and entertain children. Julia shows that with effort and dedication, you can achieve your dreams. 3. Encourages Learning Her books often include rhymes and repetition, helping children learn new words and sounds while having fun. 4. Kind and Caring Julia cares about children's education and inspires them to enjoy books and storytelling, which helps build confidence and language skills. 5. Inspires Creativity She shows children that being creative and sharing stories is a wonderful way to express themselves.
	Louise and Tony (PCSOs)	PSED - people who keep us safe	Empathy / Resilience	1. Keep People Safe Louise and Tony help keep the neighbourhood safe, showing children the importance of looking out for others and following rules. 2. Friendly and Approachable They are easy to talk to and listen to people's problems, teaching children that it's okay to ask for help and trust community helpers. 3. Good Communicators

				Louise and Tony explain things clearly and kindly, encouraging children to be respectful and communicate well with others. 4. Role Models for Responsibility By doing their jobs well, they show children how being responsible and caring about others makes a big difference. 5. Involved in the Community They often visit schools and community events, helping children understand how important it is to work together and support each other.
All	Marcus Rashford	BLUE House	Empathy	1. Cares About Helping Others Marcus used his fame as a footballer to help children who don't have enough food. He worked hard to make sure kids got free school meals during holidays, teaching children about kindness and standing up for people in need. 2. Works Hard and Stays Determined He trains and plays football at a very high level, showing children that practice and effort are important to reach their goals. 3. Uses His Voice for Good Marcus speaks up about important issues, teaching children that it's okay to speak out when something isn't fair. 4. Positive Attitude He stays humble and focused, showing children how to be confident without being boastful. 5. Inspires Everyone Whether on the football field or helping in the community, Marcus inspires children to be kind, work hard, and care about others.
	Stephen Hawking	RED House	Curiosity	1. Curious and Love of Learning Stephen was fascinated by space, stars, and how the universe works. He teaches children to be curious about the world and never stop asking questions. 2. Overcame Difficult Challenges Despite having a serious illness that affected his body, Stephen didn't give up on his dreams. He shows children the importance of perseverance and staying positive. 3. Brave and Strong He faced difficulties with courage and kept working as a scientist and writer, teaching children about strength and resilience. 4. Made a Big Difference

			Stephen's discoveries helped people understand the universe better. He shows children that their ideas and hard work can make a difference in the world. 5. Inspires Everyone His life story encourages children to keep learning and believe in themselves, no matter what.
Emmeline Pankhurst	YELLOW House	Aspiration	1. Fought for Equality Emmeline worked very hard to help women get the right to vote. She teaches children about fairness and the importance of equal rights for everyone. 2. Brave and Determined She didn't give up, even when things were difficult. Emmeline shows children the power of perseverance and standing firm for their beliefs. 3. Made History Her work helped change the laws and made the world a fairer place. She shows children that they can help make positive changes too. 4. Inspires Confidence Emmeline's courage encourages children to believe in themselves and speak up for what they think is right. 5. A Leader and Role Model She led many peaceful protests and helped organise others, teaching children about leadership and teamwork.
Malala Yousafzai	GREEN House	Resilience	1. Brave and Courageous Malala stood up for her right to go to school even when it was dangerous. She teaches children the importance of being brave and speaking out for what they believe in. 2. Believes in Education She strongly believes that every child should be able to learn and go to school. Malala encourages children to value their education and never give up on learning. 3. Never Gives Up Even after facing serious challenges, Malala kept fighting for girls' education around the world. She shows children the importance of resilience and determination. 4. Inspires Peace and Equality Malala promotes kindness, fairness, and the idea that everyone should be treated equally. She encourages children to be caring and stand up against unfairness. 5. Young Leader She became a global voice for children's rights at a young age, showing that age doesn't stop you from

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- Pictures of the role models displayed on a rainbow in the hall and each class displays the role models for their year group
- Choose when to teach / explain about each role model: could be as part of curriculum lessons, additional texts in Guided Reading or as stand alone work during CARE weeks. Children should know who these people are and why they are admired. Put this onto your curriculum overview.
- The House Captains prepare and present a brief summary of the role model their house is named after (Monday assembly, Term 1?) so that all children know why they are role models.