Parent information

There are so many heroes and villains in the world – who would you like to know more about? Is it someone from the past or the present? Is your hero a famous person or someone you know, like a nurse or a firefighter?

This half term, we'll meet Cruella de Vil to interrogate her about her wicked plans. By reading parts of 101 Dalmatians, we'll learn all about Cruella's character. Then, we'll learn the song Cruella de Vil, make a Cruella sock puppet, models of Dalmatian dogs and a flipbook animation of the story. Cruella won't be very impressed! We'll learn songs about the infamous Bonnie and Clyde and write dialogue for them. When we're listening to film music, we'll consider how sounds are used to make characters appear more villainous. Using fairy tales, we'll examine the difference between right and wrong and write our own. We'll also research historical heroes using a variety of source materials and put song lyrics about our favourite heroes to familiar tunes.

At the end of the ILP, we'll write comics about our everyday heroes. We'll enjoy performing our songs about heroes and invite you to view our work in a gallery.

Help your child prepare for their project

Heroes and villains are everywhere, in real life and fiction. Why not watch a film or read a book to identify the heroes and villains? What characteristics do they have? You could also watch CBBC Newsround and think about the heroic or villainous qualities of public figures. Alternatively, visit a museum to investigate heroes and villains throughout history.

Suggested text	The Hundred and One Dalmatians – Dodie Smith
Memorable experience	Meet Cruella de Vil
Innovate challenge	Rap about heroes and heroines
English	Biographies; Dialogue; Riddles; Fairy tales; Comic strips
Music	Singing and performing; Comparing music; Listening and appreciation; Notation; Composing; Rhythm
A&D	Sculpture; Illustration
Computing	Web searches
D&T	Making puppets; Flip books
PSHE	Moral issues and dilemmas; Role models; Good deeds; Organisations that help people; Values and goals
Science investigations	Are mushrooms deadly?