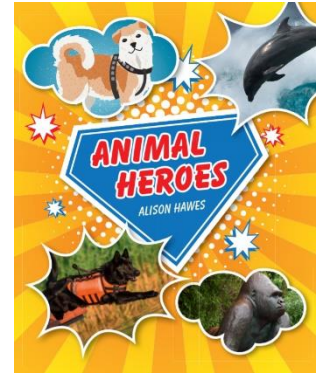


Week 1 of Isolation Year 6

Reading/ writing activities for children in Y6 based around the new book 'Animal Heroes' on Rising Stars Venus: Brown/blue



Book Overview; This book explores the many ways in which animals have become heroes to humans, by saving lives, caring for others, and so on. Organised into chapters, the book explores how animals help us and recounts true stories of animal heroism using a range of text genres. The book includes a wide range of non-fiction features to develop the children's understanding of how information texts work, and different ways of presenting and retrieving information. These nonfiction features include a contents page, captions, newspaper-style reports, an interview section, 'Did you know?' boxes, case studies, bulleted and numbered lists, a glossary and an index.

Before reading

Looking at the front cover ask: What will you find in this book? Do you think the book is fiction or non-fiction? Information books can also tell stories that really happened

Activity 1 What makes a hero? Spend some time discussing what qualities a hero has, and make a list of these qualities (e.g. courage, kindness, loyalty, selflessness). Discuss whether animals can show these qualities.

Following on from the reading- Here are your writing tasks for the week.

- Rewrite your favourite animal story from the book as a cartoon strip. Use only pictures, short captions and speech bubbles to tell your story.
- Make a medal of honour that could be given to one of the animals in this book, or to animal heroes in general. What pictures will you include? What will it say on the medal?
- Look at the fact file of Willie the parrot on page 9. Choose another animal in the book and create a fact file about it.
- Write a job description for an animal hero or make a 'Wanted – Animal Hero' poster. Remember to include all of the qualities you would want from the animal hero.

Thanks for all working so hard, if your parents or carers could take a photo and email it to year6@oliprimaryschool.co.uk , we would love to see it!

The year 6 team

Mr Cotton and Miss Gallagher

Adverbials of time

Adverbials of time are words or phrases that tell us when something happened. They include single adverbs (such as 'then', 'next' and 'eventually'), short phrases (such as 'one day') or longer phrases (such as 'last Tuesday, just as the sun was coming up').

1 Highlight the adverbials of time in the passage below.

Dolphins to the rescue

One day, Rob Howes, his teenage daughter and two of her friends were enjoying a swim in the sea. They noticed a pod of dolphins behaving strangely. The dolphins began to move in a tight circle around them, as if trying to herd them together.

At first, Rob wasn't sure what was going on. But then, to his horror, he spotted a great white shark just a few metres away. As the shark got closer, the dolphins began slapping their tails on the water and pushing the swimmers even closer together.

For forty long minutes, the dolphins circled round and round the swimmers. Finally, the shark gave up and swam away, so Rob and the girls could swim safely back to shore.

Here are a few adverbials of time to use in your own writing. They can tell us:

- ★ When: after lunch, already, once upon a time, now, when dawn broke, yesterday
- ★ For how long: all day, until Christmas, since 1995, forever
- ★ How often: never, often, sometimes, always

2 Work with a partner to write your own sentences using these adverbials.

Top five animal heroes

Use this sheet to choose your favourite animals from the book *Animal Heroes*.

In your own words, describe what the animal did and why you've chosen them, using evidence from the book.

Name and type of animal	Why is the animal a hero?	Why have you chosen this animal?

Fact and opinion

Can you find facts from the text to support the author's opinions about these sporting heroes?

1 Billie Jean King was determined to fight for equal rights for girls and women in tennis.

2 Nadia Comăneci's 'great contribution was to achieve something that no other gymnast had managed before'.

3 At the age of 18, all Michael Phelps' hard work and dedication paid off.

4 Michael Jordan 'didn't mind that he had failed at becoming a baseball player'.

5 Zhuang Zedong's gift to an American table-tennis player brought China and the USA closer together.

6 Serena Williams' talents are not just limited to tennis.

7 When she returned home after winning the FIFA award for the best female player, Marta had won the admiration of her home town.

8 Jonnie Peacock's success meant that people 'who had never watched disability games now became interested'.
