

YEAR 5 - MISSION - EXPLORE

The mission of inspirational leaders



Tom's Mission: Many people have heard of Captain Sir Tom Moore and admired his efforts to raise money for the NHS during the COVID pandemic.

He told the NHS workers: "You are entering into something where you are putting yourself in danger and you're doing that for the good of all the people here. You are doing a marvellous, marvellous job."

Tom wanted to give something back to the healthcare staff that were putting their lives at risk every day for us all and that had looked after him when he needed medical care.

He made it his mission to raise £1,000 for NHS charities setting himself the target of doing 100 laps of his garden before his 100th birthday. Nearly £40 million pounds later, Tom has inspired a whole nation and drawn admiration and praise from the whole world!



Carrying on his mission, Tom and his family have identified causes close to their hearts which will now benefit from the newly formed Captain Tom Foundation. These include:



- Combatting loneliness
- Supporting those facing bereavement
- Championing education and equality
- Supporting friends overseas

The mission is to get as many people as possible walking, talking, spreading hope, and easing loneliness. People everywhere are invited to join his 'army of hope'.

Saint John Henry Newman wrote some famous lines about everyone having a special task in life. It may seem to be ordinary and simple, but if it is done in love for God and our neighbour, it is a definite task or mission which is special to each person.

He wrote:

God has created me

To do Him some definite service.

He has committed some work to me

Which he has not committed to another.

I have my mission.



Some questions to answer:

How and why did Captain Tom start his inspirational mission?

What do you think are the demands and joys of such dedication?

What is the purpose of the Captain Tom Foundation?

Why do you think that Captain Tom's words, "Tomorrow will be a good day" are a good motto for the foundation to follow?

How do you think Blessed John Henry Newman's words link to Captain Tom's inspirational mission?

Activity:

Create an action plan to begin your own charity. What is your mission? Who or what is your inspiration? What will you do and why? What demands and joys would this bring?

At the end of Exploring about **MISSION**, think about all the charities you know and support. Reflect on their mission, their inspiration, the time, energy, care, love given for others. Is there a charity that you could do something special for this year like Captain Tom did?