

MARVELous Heroes

This course aims to develop students' knowledge, understanding and enjoyment of writing, and to meet National Curriculum, Key Stage 2 Framework requirements.

It is designed to make students confident and enthusiastic writers, using the superhero theme to engage and excite them as authors as they write their own superhero story.

They will plan their writing by discussing similar texts in order to understand and learn from the structure, vocabulary and grammar, recording their ideas.

They will practise organising their writing into paragraphs, creating a setting, characters and a plot for their own story. They will also be assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing as they go along, suggesting improvements and editing their work, proofreading for spelling and punctuation errors.

10, 2 hour - lessons

Lesson 1	My Superhero: characterisation	What makes a superhero? Examine some characters in film and literature and use them to create and describe our own superhero character. Focus on description using powerful adjectives.
Lesson 2	Wonder-Poet and Rhyme-Boy	Look at the poem 'If I was a superhero' and use it to think about our hero's super-powers. Write our own super poem.
Lesson 3	Writing a Graphic Novel	Examining comic book writing, speech bubbles and story boards. Create own story plan in comic book form.
Lesson 4	Story Openings	How to begin our stories: what makes a good story opening? Examine given superhero story starters and use them to write our own story opening.
Lesson 5	Good vs Evil: creating an arch nemesis	What makes a bad character interesting? Creating a supervillain to cause conflict and a problem for our superhero.
Lesson 6	MARVELous Universe	What makes a great story setting? Where will our superheroes live? Share ideas about how to create the superhero world.
Lesson 7	Creating tension in stories	How do we make our reader desperate to read more? Learn how to create tension and write the middle part

		of the story – What happens between the hero and the villain? Create the main action, drama or problem for the hero.
Lesson 8	Dialogue in stories	What parts of your story should involve conversation? How will it move the story on? Discuss the rules around speech punctuation and use it to write dialogue.
Lesson 9	Resolutions	How will your story end? Analyse story endings, looking at how our characters will defeat the villain and how all areas of the plot will be concluded.
Lesson 10	MARVELous scripts	How would your story look when turned into a film script? Look into the rules around script writing and different techniques to use. Convert a scene of your story into a script.