

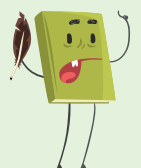
Teacher notes**Year 5:
Term 1 – Freedom****Unit overview and guidance****Introduce the theme – explore the word freedom**

Freedom is an important theme in everyone's life. We live in a democratic country where every citizen has the right to personal freedom and where they can choose whom they want to vote for to govern the country. However, there are still people who live in Britain today who do not feel they are treated equally. Whether this is due to race, religion, gender or abilities, there still seems to be work to do in democratic Britain to ensure that everyone has the same opportunities. It is important that children are able to talk about these issues openly and are able to discuss prejudice and how it might affect them.

- Discuss what the word freedom means.
- Can pupils give examples of 'freedom' in action? Or stories that they have read which include the idea of freedom?

Exploring Non-fiction – Text: Equality, Freedom and Peace – The Life of Nelson Mandela by Dan Smith

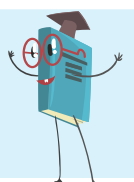
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**Exploring Fiction – Text: Light of Hope by Dan Smith**

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**Exploring Poetry – Text: Two Birds by Joshua Seigal**

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Comparing the texts – explore the theme of freedom

Discuss the questions below, exploring the theme of freedom with the pupils.

- What heading would you give to this collection of texts?
- What are the themes that run through all of these texts alongside the notion of freedom?
- Which of the three texts did you enjoy the most and why? Whom would you recommend it to?
- Has reading these texts taught you anything about the history of black people across the world?
- In which ways do each of these texts relate to your own feelings about identity?
- Have you ever felt that your individuality or character is not appreciated or is mocked by others?