

HERO ACADEMY

ACTIVITY PACK



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Welcome to Hero Academy

Hero Academy is a brand new reading series set in a school for superheroes for Reception-Year 2/Primary 1-3 to inspire young readers' imaginations and turn them into reading superheroes.

Hero Academy is fully-decodable and finely levelled to ensure that all children can access the series. It includes flexible teaching notes to support guided, one-to-one and independent reading as your children embed their whole-class phonics teaching.

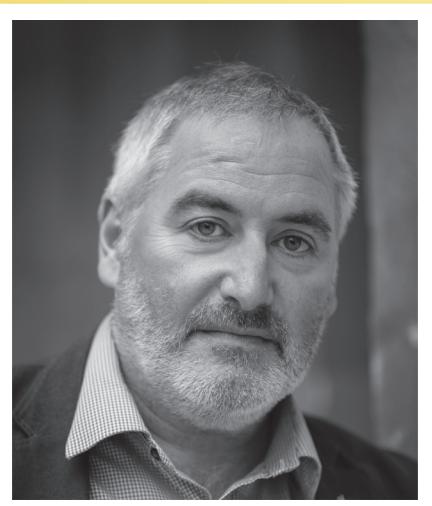


Downloadable matching Curriculum Charts on Oxford Owl for all UK curricula.

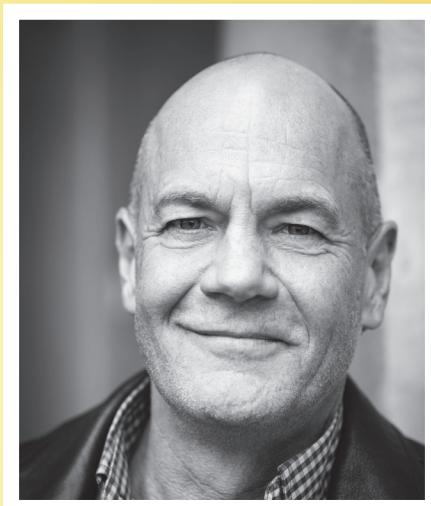
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How to Join the Lesson

This Hero Academy activity pack is designed to be used alongside the Hero Academy Online Lesson. Featuring the Hero Academy series editors, world-famous author Paul Stewart and former Children's Laureate Chris Riddell, the lesson is the perfect introduction to Hero Academy and will get them thinking about how to create their own super characters!



Chris Riddell



Paul Stewart

If you want to watch the online lesson LIVE then tune in to the Oxford Education YouTube channel on Friday 5th October at 2pm (GMT).

Don't worry if you can't make it, the video will remain on our channel and you can share it with your pupils at a time that suits your timetable.



If you're joining us LIVE, make sure you're subscribed to the Oxford Education YouTube channel and you've clicked the bell icon so that you'll receive a notification when the online lesson is LIVE.
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Before the Lesson

TIPS FOR HOLDING A SUPERHERO DISCUSSION

- Discuss superheroes that they already know.
- Tease out what heroes have in common: what specific talents, skills or strengths they have; what they wear; what special gadgets and machines they use; how they overcome baddies and make sure everyone is safe.
- Find out what superpowers children would have if they could choose their own and why. Share what superpower you would want!

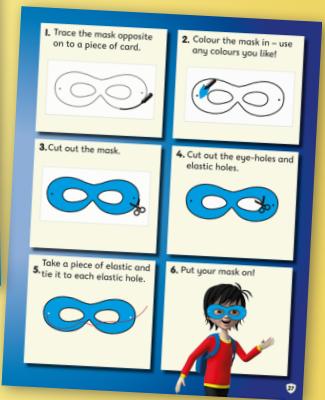
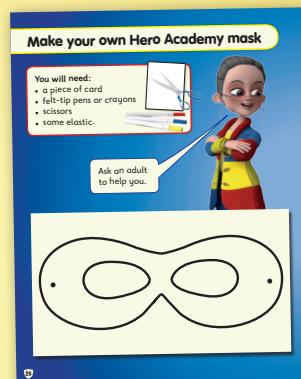
SOME SUPER HERO ACTIVITIES TO TRY...

Make a Hero Mask

Get children to create their own super disguise with this easy cut-out mask with materials in the classroom.

Go to:

pinterest.co.uk/oxfordeducation/project-x/hero-academy/



Make a Hero Cape

Look like a superhero with our easy cape-making arts and craft idea here.

Go to: pinterest.co.uk/oxfordeducation/project-x/hero-academy/



Take Our Hero Quiz

Are you confident and competitive like Pip or shy and sporty like Axel? You and your pupils can take this quiz to find out which Hero Academy character you are most like.

Go to: qzr.com/c/quiz/464713/which-hero-academy-superhero-are-you



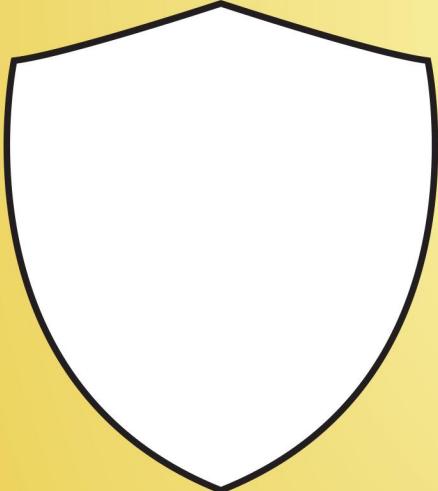
Make Your Own Hero Academy Badge

Ready to enrol into Hero Academy?

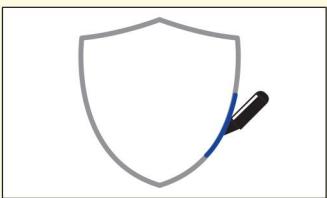
You will need a badge to be a part of this exclusive school for superheroes!

You will need:

- an adult to help you
- a piece of paper
- felt-tip pens or crayons
- scissors
- sticky tape



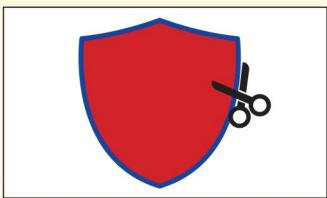
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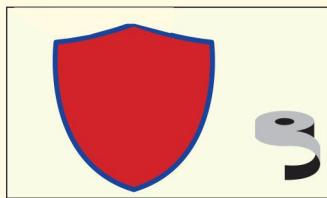
2. Colour the shield's outline in blue, and the rest of the shield in red.



3. Cut along the lines of the shield.



4. Use the tape to stick the shield onto your top.



Children can write their own name on the badge or their made-up super name!



Create Your Own Superhero

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HEROES



Nisha (Nimbus)

Superpower: controlling weather

Hobbies: playing the drums, playing turbo-tennis with Pip.

Likes: making her friends laugh, music, dancing, strawberries.

Dislikes: being tickled, super spicy food, ferrets.

Super fact! Nisha was responsible for one of the strongest hurricanes on record. She was trying to blow away an army of robotic butterflies that were attacking Lexis City.



Create your own superhero by filling in the below, just like Nisha!

Superpower:

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Hobbies:

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Likes:

.....

Dislikes:

.....

Draw your superhero:



WANTED

Draw your villain:

VILLIAN NAME

HOBBIES

LIKES AND DISLIKES

SUPERPOWER

FAVOURITE HIDEOUT

REWARD:



Setting Generator

Circle one word from each column to help you create the setting for your own superhero story

PLACE	TIME	WEATHER
city	morning	sunny
park	after school	snowy
school	night-time	windy
beach	lunch-time	rainy
Add your own:	Add your own:	Add your own:



Your Superhero Story

Time to put your planning together to create your story using:

- Your superhero you created from page 7
- Your villain you created from page 8
- The setting generator from page 9

What does your villain want most and how will they achieve it?

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How does your superhero use their superpower to stop the villain?

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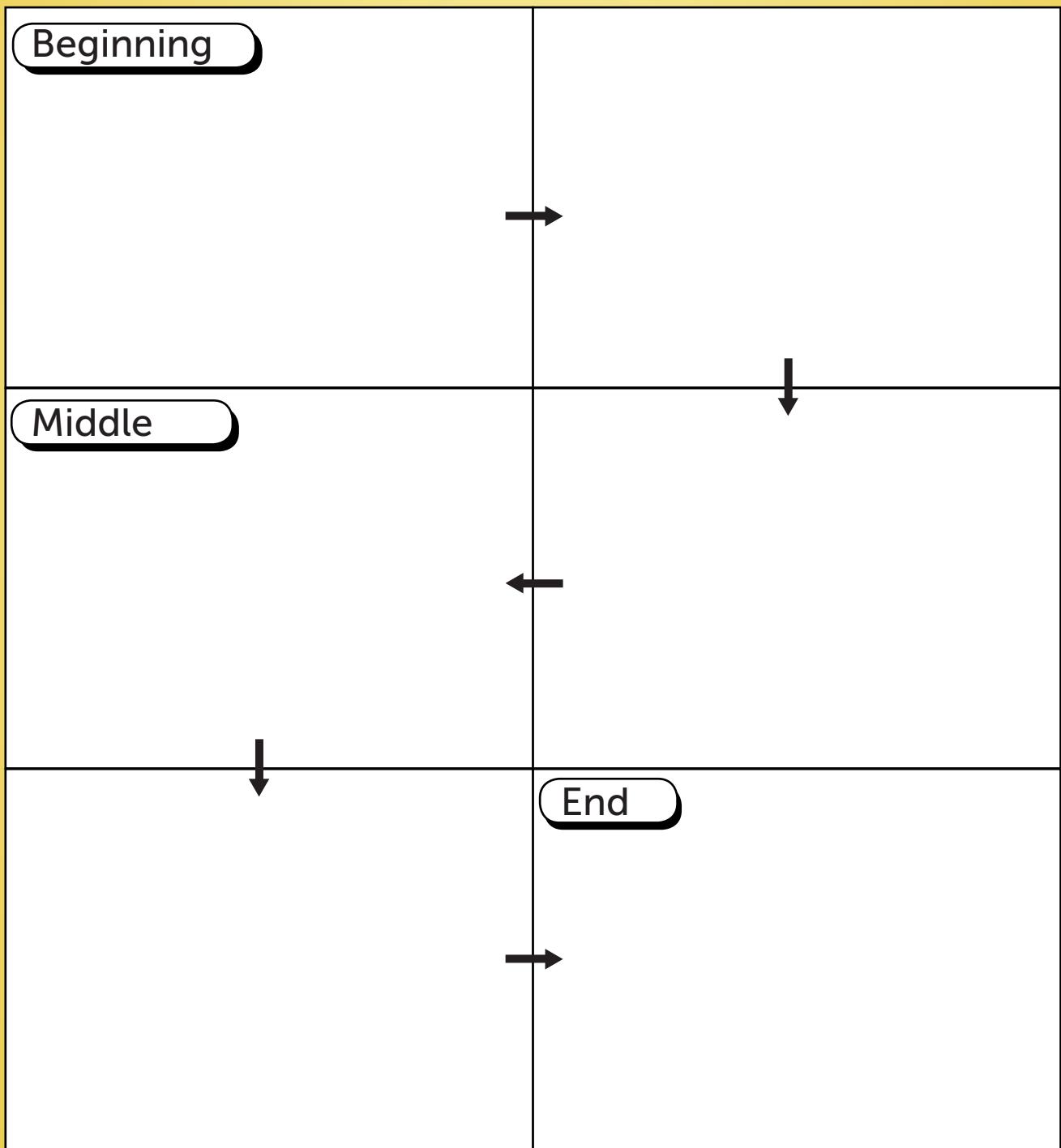
What happens to your villain in the end?

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Make Your Story into a Comic Strip

Draw your story in the grid below.



Stimulate the Love for Superheroes...

Reading Corner Ideas

Your class and corridor reading areas are a great starting point for inspiring pupils.

- Display pictures of the characters they will meet in the books
- Select children's comments to add to the display
- Make some *this superhero is reading* cloaks for your book area.
See the *Make a Hero Cape* activity on page 4 of this pack.
- Get the children to make their own superhero bookmarks. You can find this activity in the Hero Academy Reception and Year 1/P1-P2 Teacher's Handbook on page 17.



Registration

Have a hero-themed registration:

- ask children to practise their favourite superhero/power pose when their name is called
- have themed name badges
- start the day with a superhero quiz or fact.

Want More Hero Academy activities?



Find lots of downloadable Hero Academy print-outs for decorating your classrooms and reading corners as well as online activities to captivate young readers.

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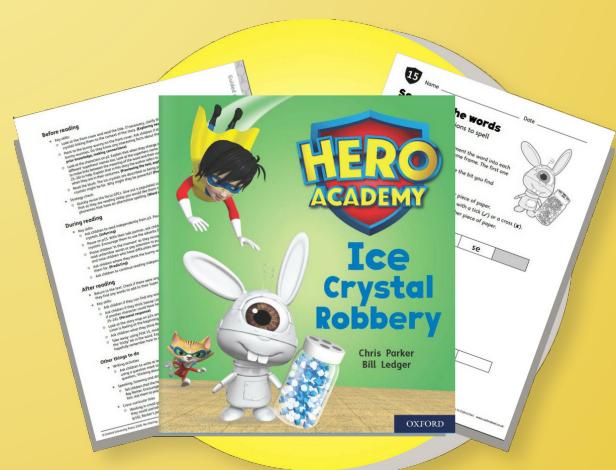
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Try a Hero Academy sample lesson on Oxford Owl to try out how the Hero Academy series could be used in your class.

Sample lesson includes:

- ebook
- guided reading notes
- independent reading activity
- guidance for one-to-one sessions





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