Scientists and Inventors Year 1

Key Vocabulary	
Ole Kirk Christiansen	Ole Kirk Christiansen invented Lego in 1949.
Mae Jemison	In 1992, Mae Jemison became the first African American woman in space. She was a scientist.
George Mottershead	George Mottershead founded Chester Zoo in 1931. This zoo was unusual at the time as the animals did not live in cages. They lived in larger enclosures.
George James Symons	George James Symons invented his own version of the rain gauge that is still used by meteorologists today.
Linda Brown Buck	Linda Brown Buck is an American biologist. She discovered that mammals have odorant receptors in their noses. This means they can smell over 10,000 different smells. She won the Nobel Prize in 2004.

The expectation in this unit is that staff will choose at least two scientists/inventors to look at in detail, based on the pupils' interests.

Key Questions

Key facts about their life:

Birth & death Family information Where are they from?

What are they famous for?

What impact does their work have on life today?

Is there anyone else in their field who has done similar work?

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inventor	An inventor makes or discovers a new way of doing something. They might make something new.
scientist	Scientists study the world around us, the people and animals in it as well as studying space. They do this by looking and by doing experiments.
astronaut	An astronaut is a person who is trained to travel into space.
biologist	Biology is the study of living things. A biologist is a scientist who studies biology.
veterinarian (vet)	A vet is a person who looks after animals when they are unwell or injured.

