

MOTHER TERESA



KEY VOCABULARY

Slum	A crowded, run down area of a city where poor people live.
Poverty	The condition of being poor, a lack of money.
Convent	A group of nuns living together and devoted to a religious life.
Vow	A serious promise or pledge.
Compassion	A feeling of sharing another's suffering that leads to a desire to help.
Leprosy	A disease of the skin and nerves caused by infection. People with leprosy have sores on their skin and lose feeling in their bodies. They sometimes lose fingers and toes.
Orphanage	A place where orphans live and are cared for.

INSPIRATION – YEAR 3

THE BIG QUESTION

What makes someone inspiring?

STICKY KNOWLEDGE – MOTHER TERESA

When she was 12 she became a nun in Ireland.

She was sent on to Saint Mary's High School for Girls, in India, where she taught girls from the city's poorest families. She later became principal. Her aim was to remove poverty from the students' lives through education.

When she took her final vows to live a life of poverty and obedience, she became known as 'Mother'.

Within a few years she answered her heart's desire to directly serve the poor and sick who lived in the city's slums. She went into the terrible slums of the city, armed with a little medical knowledge but great compassion to care for the sick and the poor.

She set up a home for the city's poorest, an open-air school, a leper colony, an orphanage, a nursing home, a family clinic and mobile health clinics in the city.

In 1979, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her outstanding efforts to alleviate human suffering.

Her compassion and dedication brought relief to thousands of the suffering poor, and she was made a saint by the Vatican in 2016.