

# The Summer of British Icons

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The United Kingdom is full of clever, creative and sporty legends who inspire us to be the best we can.

This summer, we're celebrating just some of these great individuals and teams in our

summer of British icons as we pay tribute to them with special coins that tell their story.

From athletes and adventurers to literary legends and historical heroes, these people show us how to work together as a team, the importance of being curious, and remind us that a little imagination can go a long way!

Let's explore our collection of icons and see who inspires you the most.



## DID YOU KNOW?

In 2012, the Olympic Games were held in the UK and took place in London. This home advantage definitely helped Team GB – the boxing team topped the medal table for their sport and the Team GB cyclists, whilst enjoying racing at home, also topped their medal table with 12 medals, including eight gold!



# The Royal Mint's 2021 Icons

This year, we've released some really eye-catching coins, which focus on the work that made each icon or team they celebrate famous. On the coin in honour of John Logie Baird, a clever design shows the timeline of television being created and the three designs commemorating Mary Anning depict some of the most famous prehistoric creatures she discovered.



Team GB have travelled all the way to Tokyo in Japan to compete at this year's summer Games. Even though we can't support them in person, we'll be able to watch the events on TV thanks to John Logie Baird!

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the passing of H.G. Wells and today, his futuristic stories still excite audiences and inspire the world of film.



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Royal Mint has been making coins for hundreds of years. We used to make our coins in the famous Tower Hill in London but now they are struck in Llantrisant. All UK coins feature Her Majesty The Queen on one side (the obverse) so it's a big honour for our British icons to feature on the other side (the reverse) of these coins.



John Logie Baird is known as 'The Father of Television' as he demonstrated the first television in 1926.



Sir Walter Scott is no stranger to appearing on money as his image can also be found on many Scottish banknotes.



# Now it's your turn! Can you create your own fantastic fictional world?

Who lives there? Is it far away in the future or long ago in the past? Is it peaceful or terrifying?



## DID YOU KNOW?

One of H.G. Wells' most famous pieces of writing is *The War of the Worlds*, which was published in 1898. In 1938, it was broadcast on the radio in a performance delivered by Orson Welles, as if it was a real radio broadcast of an actual alien invasion – imagine turning on your radio and hearing that!

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# Word Search

Sir Walter Scott was born in Edinburgh in 1771 and was one of the greatest Scottish authors of all time. H.G. Wells was born almost 100 years later in 1866 and his books looked into the future, featuring stories about time travel, trips to the moon and even alien invaders!

Scott and Wells both loved reading and writing – do you? See if you can find the words below in the word search:

<b>WORDS</b>	<b>TELEVISION</b>
<b>DINOSAURS</b>	<b>MINTLINGS</b>
<b>LITERATURE</b>	<b>BOOKS</b>
<b>SCIENCE</b>	<b>CYCLING</b>
<b>TEAM GB</b>	<b>TRIPOD</b>
<b>FOOTBALL</b>	<b>INVISIBLE</b>



## DID YOU KNOW?

Sir Walter Scott wrote many famous poems and novels but he also created some phrases that we still use today, like 'caught red-handed' and giving someone the 'cold shoulder'.

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