Read the feature topic about Leonardo da Vinci in today’s ED! Magazine and complete some of the activities below.

- How would you define a ‘genius’? Do you know of anyone who might deserve this name?
- What were some of da Vinci’s scientific interests?
- List three artworks made by da Vinci that are mentioned in the article.

- What and when was the ‘Renaissance’?
- Who are some other famous people from this time period, and what are they famous for?

- Find out when the following da Vinci ideas were turned into reality, and who invented the working models:
  - Diving suit
  - Helicopter
  - Car
  - Parachute

- Investigate how solar energy works and create a labelled diagram to show how you think Vi Nguyen’s solar-powered rechargeable torch might have worked, and what it would have looked like.

- If you were very wealthy, would you consider spending millions of dollars on a single artwork or book? Give reasons for you answer.

- What are some small – or not so small – problems that people face every day? Make a list, then brainstorm as many creative solutions to these problems as you can. Can you come up with an idea for a project that would be suitable for the Science Talent Search?

- Visit thewest.com.au/technology/innovation to read articles about new ideas and developments in technology. Who are the people or companies mentioned, and what are they developing that is considered ‘innovative’?
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Read the stories in ED! Magazine’s NEWS FLASH column and complete some of the activities below.

**ScoMo wins election**

- Did you go with your parents to the polling place where they voted? Describe what you saw happening on the day. What was the atmosphere like?
- Which political party does Scott Morrison represent, and which party did Bill Shorten lead?
- Did you think that Scott Morrison’s or Bill Shorten’s party would win the election?
- What is a ‘marginal seat’?
- Find out the name of the electoral seat in your area and the voting results for it.
- Do you look forward to being able to vote? Why/why not?
- Look through today’s newspaper or visit thewest.com.au. What stories about politics appear today?

**Vale Bob Hawke**

- For how many years did Bob Hawke lead the country?
- Can you list any other Australian Prime Ministers?
- Who was Australia’s longest serving Prime Minister?
- What is the ‘AC Nielsen Poll’?
- Research Bob Hawke to find five facts about his life before becoming a Prime Minister, and 5 things about his time as a PM.

**Sky Blues win final**

- Did you watch the Sydney v Perth Glory game on Sunday? What were the highlights?
- What does it mean that Sydney won ‘on penalties’?
- What do you think Tony Popovic means by saying that Brendon Santalab will “reflect in his own time”?
- If you could talk to the players of either side, what would you like to say to them? Write down five questions you would ask if were to interview them.