

The British Isles Spring 2 Year 4

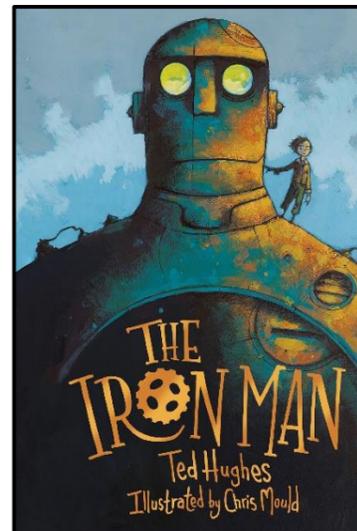
RE

In RE we will be learning about the traditions of Lent, looking at Jesus' fasting in the desert.



English

In English we will be exploring a modern day fairy-tale. A variety of media will be used to stimulate creative writing including books, films, pictures and music. Our main text will be "The Iron Man" by Ted Hughes. Our writing target relates to sentence structure (from the correct use of capital letters and full stops in a simple sentence to the development of complex sentences). Our reading target focuses on developing and improving our inference skills.



Maths

Our main focus this half term will be on fractions and decimals. We will build on last year's understanding of what a fraction is. Children will be exploring fractions beyond 1. They will develop their understanding of mixed numbers and be able to compare and order them. They will be introduced to improper fractions and be able to convert mixed numbers to improper fractions and vice versa. We will develop their understanding of equivalent fractions and adding and subtracting fractions.

We will learn about **decimals**, recognising tenths and hundredths as decimals. We will learn to recognise and work with decimals using place value grids and number lines.

Art /D&T

Much of our artwork this half term will be inspired by the story of "The Iron Man", in particular the illustrations of Chris Mould. We will create representations of the Iron Man using a variety of media and techniques, including printing and sculpture.



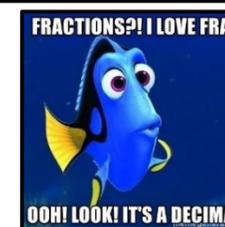
Computing

This half term we will be developing our ICT skills through the various tiles on J2E/BGFL focussing on data bases and branch.



MFL

In French we will be learning about festivals and celebrations in France, particularly Mardi Gras and Easter.



Science

In our topic on "Sound", children will be taught to:

- * identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating
- * recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear
- * find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it
- * find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it
- * recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases

Physical Education

The children will continue to be taught hockey skills with Mrs Welch ready for a tournament at Easter. Swimming lessons at the Leisure Centre, will be taught on a Friday.

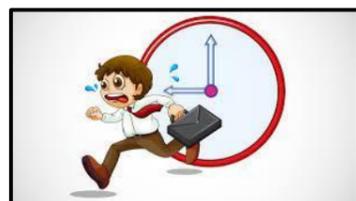


History and Geography

We will begin our topic looking at the differences between the British Isles, Great Britain and the United Kingdom. We will also name and locate some of the main islands that surround the UK. Children will use maps to locate cities and rivers. In addition they will use road maps to plan a journey from one city or town to another. We will carry out research to discover the features of villages, towns and cities and appreciate the difference between them.

Relationship and Health Education

The focus this half term is "Being Responsible". We will look at rules, being punctual and sensible behaviour.



Music

We will continue to learn to play the ukulele, developing our understanding of chords.

