

English

This term we will be exploring the text 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. By following in the giant's footsteps, we will create a range of narratives to support our development of spelling techniques and handwriting. Through beginning to explore rich vocabulary, we will build setting and character description to depict the events the not-so-friendly giant comes across. Will we find out the 'Shocking Truth' of where The Iron Man has come from?

Design Technology

We will be drawing upon our scientific understanding of electrical circuits to create a torch made from easily available materials and objects. We will generate and develop our ideas through the use of prototypes and use this to design and evaluate our torches against set design criteria.

Geography

We will be comparing our local area (Ashford) to another town in the UK (Eastbourne). We will be exploring the differences and similarities between these two areas to create our own town. We will be exploring the curriculum themes of Journeys and Wonderful World and going on a local area walk to consolidate our knowledge.

Music

In Musicianship, we will develop foundational music skills by exploring pulse, rhythm, notation, and pitch. We will learn to distinguish between pulse and rhythm, using clapping and body percussion exercises to internalise these concepts. We will be introduced to rhythm syllables 'ta' and 'te te' and practice using stick notation to represent these rhythms visually. Additionally, we will learn to sing using the sol-fa syllables 'so' and 'mi' with corresponding hand signs, enhancing our understanding of pitch. Through interactive activities and games, we will reinforce these key musical concepts, building a solid foundation for our understanding of notation.

Maths

Through calculation and place value units we will:

- Understand our number system,
- Identify 10, 100, 1000 more or less of a number,
- Round numbers of up to 4-digits with accuracy,
- Apply number skills to problem solving.

By using our knowledge of the four operations, we will:

- Derive new facts from known facts,
- Explore appropriate strategies to solve calculations,
- Apply formal column method,
- Solve word problems.

Science

This half term we will be learning about electricity, including electrical circuits conductors, insulators and we will understand how electrical components work.

Through constructing a simple series electrical circuit, we will be identifying and naming its basic parts: cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.

Computing

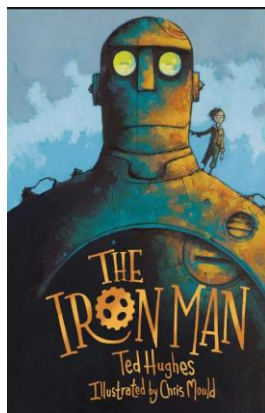
This term, we will be focusing on our understanding of online safety and how to stay safe online including how to avoid pop up and advertisements as well as in app purchases.

We will be developing our basic skills when using chrome books, exploring google docs, typing skills and some quick 'how to' guides to become fluent when using a chromebook.



Year 4 - The Shocking Truth

Our Power of Reading text this term is
The Iron Man by Ted Hughes



Religion and World Views

This term, we will learn about the importance of Covenants to Christians. We will learn about God's four main Covenants and the importance of these to Christians today. We will also delve into the creation of the 10 Commandments and how they are respected by people.

French

This term, we will be developing our French *phonétiques*, or phonics. We will apply our understanding of sounds to new vocabulary about ourselves, beginning basic conversations.

KEY DATES:

Monday 14th - Friday 18th September - Meet the Teacher Week

Thursday 17th September – Windsor Castle

Friday 2nd October – INSET Day

Tuesday 6th October – Ashford Walk

Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th October - Parent Consultations

Monday 19th October – Half Term (2 weeks)

PE

This term we will be understanding the importance of exercise and the effect it can have on the body alongside developing our coordination, control and fluency around ball skills and circuit activities. We will also be learning about defending and attacking during Tag Rugby.

PSHE

This half term, our topic is "Being Me in My World". Jigsaw Jaz will help us to learn about the role we play in society; how to how everyone is important and valued and how to make positive choices with our friends.