



Conkers (Year 2, 3) Spring Term 2 - Is anybody out there?

As Writers we will be reading and exploring *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. We will have a go at writing a description of the setting of the story; a dialogue between Hogarth and his dad (explaining that he has seen the Iron Man); a newspaper article based on the Space-Bat-Angel- Dragon's landing in Australia; and some poetry based on the poems of Ted Hughes (*The Iron Wolf*). Finally, we will re-write the first chapter from the Iron Man's point of view.

As Geographers we will be learning about earthquakes and where in the world they occur. We will be locating oceans, continents, rivers and mountains using a world map, and exploring areas of deserts and rainforests.

As Historians we will be thinking about inspirational people of the past and comparing them to people we think are inspirational now.

As Scientists we will be learning about plants and what they need to grow well. We will plant seeds and observe how they grow over a period of time.

Knowledge and Enquiry of the World How big is Earth? How big is the Universe? What other planets are in our Universe? Are we the only living things to exist? How do we know? What do living things need to live? Why can Earth support life but other planets cannot?

Social, Physical and Mental Wellbeing Why should we embrace differences? Why would it be boring if we were all the same? What are good and bad differences? How can we identify these? We will learn about stranger danger and keeping safe online and in the real world.

The Big Idea - The world is a big place but we are small in comparison to the Universe. Could there be other forms of life? If not, why is Earth the only planet living things can survive on? Why aren't other planets suitable?

As Mathematicians we will be learning about measures and fractions. Mrs Mitchell will be teaching maths in conkers when Mrs Milson goes on maternity leave. Reasoning and problem solving will continue to be a key feature of Maths across the curriculum.

Across the Curriculum

As Athletes we will be learning the rules of Tag Rugby, practicing ball skills and strategies to play the game.

As Theologians we will be learning about who celebrates what and why, and why some people see Jesus as an inspirational figure. We will talk about inspirational people in our lives.

As Artists and Designers we will be creating life size Iron Man robots using appropriate tools and materials.

As Computer Programmers we will be learning how to create pictures and animations based on The Iron Man.

As Musicians we will be exploring music that sets a scene especially looking at music used in science fiction film soundtracks. We will continue to investigate how music makes us feel and what it makes us visualise. We will be creating pictures to represent the music as well as discussing what instruments we may hear and how famous composers use the different elements of music to create different scenes from space. We will be creating and following graphic scores, exploring creating sounds with our voices and bodies and using the app Madpad to mix our own sounds and create a piece of music.

As French Linguistics we will be learning the vocabulary for food particularly focussing on fruit and colours. We will prepare for the French café and explore the vocabulary for French fruits through games, creating songs and maybe even making a fruit kebab! We will continue to learn about simple sentence construction and the placement of adjectives especially colours. We will develop our pronunciation, reading, listening and writing skills.

Ambition and Possibilities Embrace differences around us. What things are different in our lives? Explore ways to tolerate differences.