

Year 4 Newsletter: Spring Term 2019

We are looking forward to a fantastic Spring Term in Year 4 which will include our visit to Conover Hall and a study of The Tudor period.

Our text study this term will be, 'The Iron Man', a classic children's story written by Ted Hughes. It focuses on the themes of invasion, discrimination, misapprehension and the struggle of good versus evil. We shall also be covering units on: dictionary and thesaurus work, using non-fiction books for research, poetry and writing stories based in imaginary worlds.



We shall link our D&T topic, (Pop-up books) with our literacy.

If your child has any examples of pop-up cards or books and they are happy to bring them in to show, we shall be very grateful.

In IT the children will be learning how to write programs and how to create their own animations or trailers linked to The Iron Man story.

In the second half term, we shall be researching the life and times of The Tudors; from The Battle of Bosworth to the death of Elizabeth I. We shall be exploring the lives of not only the Kings and Queens but also ordinary working people and linking this to our locality. Through studying Tudor paintings and artefacts, we shall 'play detective' to try and work out what Tudor life involved. We shall create our own Tudor 2-D and 3-D art as well as composing music and learning some Elizabethan dances! We have also booked a visit to Theatre Severn on Friday 12th April to watch the Terrible Tudors production by the Horrible Histories team.



Our much anticipated trip to Conover Hall (a grand Elizabethan building) later this term, will help with aspects of our personal and social education. Consent forms regarding medical and dietary information will need to be returned as soon as possible please.

In Science we shall investigate Electricity and focus on creating different circuits and link this with our Iron Man study. In addition, we shall explore States of Matter and The Water Cycle

Our RE work will concentrate on the beliefs of major faiths, and exploring the question, 'How should I lead my life?'

On January 23rd, we shall be having a Design and Technology day, where the children will be making moving vehicles and hopefully this will link to our Iron Man study. The children's work will be displayed on the Thursday 24th January.

We look forward to another fantastic term with your children.

Many thanks,

Ms Evans, Mrs Munns and Mrs Harrison

Supporting Websites...

www.topmarks.co.uk (maths and English games)

www.numberbox.co.uk

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/ted-hughes-the-iron-man-extract/5320.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/history/tudors>