

Maths

We begin this half term by looking at 2-D and 3-D shapes, including types of lines and the angles they create. Addition and subtraction will be covered in relation to statistics and fractions. Our work on angles and fractions will be consolidated to describe position, direction and movement. We will then revisit time and introduce using Roman numerals.

English

Our novel for this half term is 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We will explore the plot, characters and setting in depth to develop a new story using interesting language identified in the novel. We will then explore recounts in the form of diaries, taking inspiration from 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid'. Our own diary entries will detail key events, thoughts and feelings.

Music

Our learning in music will be based around one song from Benjamin Britten's Friday Afternoons - There Was A Monkey and will include singing and playing instruments. Mrs Baker will continue recorder lessons with Year 3 every Monday afternoon.

St. Charles Curriculum Information

Year 3 Spring 2

The Iron Man

Science

Our next science topic is forces. In this theme, we will explore the forces exerted by magnets and how different surfaces affect movement. Practical experiments will be conducted for the children to investigate their ideas and use their first hand experiences to inform their conclusions.

R.E.

At the start of this term, we bring our topic on the Eucharist to a close and prepare for Lent. We will use this time to turn toward what is good; how people give themselves and remember Jesus' total giving.

Computing

Using the Scratch program, the children will design their own animations based on our novel 'The Iron Man'.

Diary Dates:

March 2nd - World Book Day - dress as a book character
March 5th - 10am Bishop John saying Mass in Church
March 6th - 3.45pm PTFA meeting in school
March 6th - 7pm - Y6 Science and Maths Quiz at St Augustine's
March 7th - 6pm Sacramental programme Meeting
March 9th - 6.30pm Governors' meeting
March 11th - Family Mass 5.45pm
March 14th - 6pm E Safety Committee meeting
March 17th - RE Inspection Day
March 20th - 6pm - Sing Together Concert at King George's Hall
March 22nd - Parents' Evening
March 24th - 2pm End of Term (optional early finish)

P.E.

Year 3 will continue swimming lessons at Darwen Leisure Centre every Thursday afternoon. Each child will need a swimming costume and a towel. Swimming caps are also required for girls as well as boys with long hair. Goggles are not permitted unless needed for a medical reason, in which case the pool request a doctor's note.

DT

The project focus will be around mechanical systems, including levers and linkages. We will create a product, based around our theme 'The Iron Man', for a specific purpose and audience through informed planning, design, creation and evaluation.

Art

'The Iron Man' will be used as a stimulus for the children to work from imagination. Drawing and painting techniques will be experimented with as the children compare ideas, methods and approaches to developing and improving their work.

Home Learning

Please ensure your child brings their Home Learning Planner and book bag every day and that you sign their reading diary to let us know that a book has been read and completed so we can change it.

The Box and spellings will be set every Friday and need to be completed and returned to class by the following Friday.

This half-term's Home Learning Project is designed to encourage the children to be more creative. Further details will be provided in due course.