



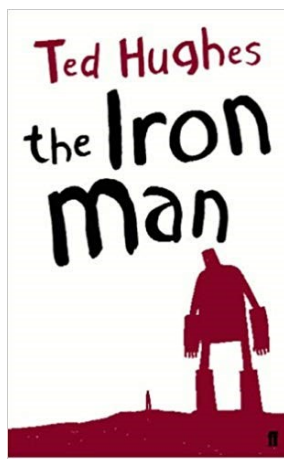
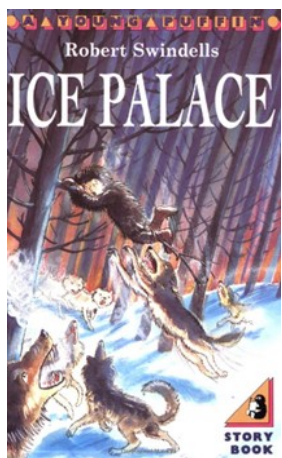
Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter—Spring Term

English

In our literacy lessons this term, we will be covering a range of reading and writing that will be delivered through the Year 3 Read Write Inc. scheme.

We will help the children to develop their reading comprehension and writing composition whilst also focussing on their grammar, vocabulary development, critical thinking and spoken language.

We will also be using two chosen texts, 'The Iron Man' and 'The Ice Palace' to further develop the children's literacy skills.



Creative Learning Journey (CLJ)

Our CLJ theme is called 'Heroes and Villains' and in particular, relates closely to our history, geography and art learning. We will be learning about significant turning points in history through film and cartoon. In geography we will be learning about earthquakes, counties and cities from around the world.

In science, we will be looking at forces and magnets. Later in the term, we will also be learning about plants. Could you please support your child in these areas by encouraging them to research on the internet and in books and discuss anything they can find linked to the above areas of learning.

Maths



In our Numeracy lessons this term we will be following the Inspire Maths scheme of work and covering the following units:

- Multiplication.
- Division.
- Multiplication and division word problems.
- Mental calculation.
- Money

Rights Respecting—Article 29:

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

Reading

Children who enjoy reading regularly thrive in their learning and therefore children are asked to read daily, which they should record in their planners. Three of these sessions per week should be reading with an adult for at least 10 minutes. Please also record this in their planners.

Inside the planner is a document of questions you can use to support your child with their reading at home. Please use these frequently as these are the types of questions the children are assessed against and so familiarity with them will be beneficial. Your child will be heard by an adult once a week in school so they will need their planners to be in school every day.

We have a wide selection of reading books in school and I will be encouraging the children to select appropriate books for them and take these home to read.



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P.E.

P.E. sessions are on a Tuesday and Wednesday this term. We will be playing tennis on Tuesday and football on Wednesday. We will also have golf sessions later in the term.

Your child will be expected to wear blue shorts, a white St Ives logoed t-shirt, blue socks and trainers. During colder weather, the children can wear black tracksuit bottoms and the school hoody. **Please could you ensure that everything is clearly labelled.**



Art and Design Technology

In art this term we will be focussing on developing our sketching skills with different pencils, as well as studying the works of Jackson Pollock and Andy Warhol. We will also be studying and recreating sculpture art.

In DT, we will be using different medium to create moving cam toys. We will also be making puppets

Home Learning

Each week homework will be set on a Friday and handed in on the following Wednesday and will comprise of:

- CLJ, Maths or English relating to our current learning (30 min)
- Spellings (15min)
- Reading (daily)

The school also has a subscription in Times Table Rockstars, SPAG.com, Spelling FRAMEcom and IXL; all these platforms are absolutely fantastic resources which will help your child improve their maths ability. I will be monitoring your child's usage of these programmes. If you have difficulties accessing at home please let me know.

Your child is responsible for handing their work in and some will be marked in class so the children get immediate feedback.

To support your children with the ever increasing demands of the grammar curriculum, I recommend a very useful book to support the children understand the complex terminology. It can be found at the link below.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Spelling-Punctuation-Grammar-Dictionary-Dictionaries/dp/0192745379>



PSHE

The PSHE themes this term will be 'Mental Health and well-being' and 'celebrating differences'.

RE

In RE, we will be learning about Jesus' miracles and 'what is good about Good Friday?'.

Computing

In our computing lessons we will continue to develop our knowledge of online safety, helping to ensure that we stay safe online. We will also be using different software to use computers.

Modern Foreign Languages

We will be learning French this year. During the Autumn term we will focus on 'foods', 'colours' and 'how to say how old you are'.

Music

In music we will be exploring sounds, beat, pitch, performance. Composition, notation and structure through a range of different units.

