



Tales of the Abbey &



Red Squirrels Autumn Term 2024

More about our topic...

This term in Year 2 and 3 we will start off the year by taking part in a local, historical study. For the first two weeks children will be expanding their locational knowledge and researching Saint Gilbert of Sempringham, the abbey and Gwellian the last Welsh princess.

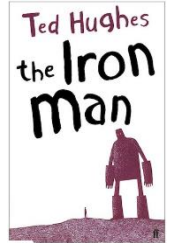
Our main topic for the rest of the autumn term will be Expedition Europe! We shall gain knowledge of the geographical location and physical geography of the countries in Europe. The children will develop understanding and appreciation of diverse communities within this continent. We will then use our knowledge of the countries of Europe to compare them with our local and national area.

In addition to this, we will be using maps, atlases, and digital technology to further our learning and broaden our knowledge. We will focus on the importance of maps as well as how to understand the key features such as the points of a compass and co-ordinates to draw our own routes and maps.

This is an incredibly fascinating topic, and we aim to make it a memorable one! Through cross-curricular learning we will partake in some exciting activities. Make sure you continue to keep an eye on our web pages to see the fantastic learning taking place!

English

Our class text for the autumn term will be *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. It is about an iron giant and a boy named Hogarth, who work together to try and save the planet from a terrifying creature...



Reading for pleasure and enjoyment will lie at the heart of our English curriculum. Children will be involved in guided reading, using a wide range of texts, linked to our topic. They will take part in group discussions and will be encouraged to share their own views and reading interests. Through discussion and questioning comprehension skills will be developed, enabling children to increase understanding and appreciation of literature.

Children will have the opportunity to find out more about Benjamin Zephaniah in a poet study as well as use their writing skills to write diaries and stories with familiar settings linked to our geography work.

Opportunities within all areas of the curriculum will be made available for children to develop their spoken language through discussion, drama, and presentations.

Science

In Science this term, we will be initially looking at 'Forces and Magnets.' Through this unit, we will be focusing on several scientists, including Sir Isaac Newton. We will also learn and test the forces around us that impact our lives. Following this, we will be looking at plants. We will observe and test what will happen if a plant does not get everything it needs.

Maths

Maths will be taught as an individual subject and will continue to adhere to the curriculum objectives. Teaching will enable children to become fluent in arithmetic as well as being able to reason and problem solve. Maths lessons will cover all aspects including, understanding number, using all four operations, measurement, geometry and statistics. Pupils will be extended at every opportunity to ensure their potential as mathematicians is achieved. Next term we will be focussing on place value, addition and subtraction, length and height, and weight and volume.

Take home task to support work in school

To prepare for our new topic, it would be brilliant if the children could draw a picture of Sempringham Abbey. The children can visit the abbey or draw from an online photograph.

