



Welcome back to year 4 summer term and we hope you had an enjoyable and restful holiday period. We have a busy half term ahead and can't wait to get started!. Our theme this half term is 'Humans Versus Robots' and our reading, writing and DT topics are all based around robots. Extra reading around this area would be fabulous, as there's quite a bit of technical language to get to grips with. Recommended reading which libraries should have are: Harley Hitch and the Iron Forest by Vashti Hardy, Runaway Robot by Frank Cottrell-Boyce and Greta Zargo and the Death Robots from Outer Space by A F Harrold. Of course, there are lots more to discover and we would love it if children came in with their own recommendations and discoveries!

Reading

The Iron Man by Ted Hughes is a fascinating modern-day fairy tale and continues our robot theme. The Iron Man is a giant iron figure on the loose in a farming community, nobody knows where he comes from or how he was made but the story manages to say profound things about friendship, kindness and isolation in a brilliantly thrilling and imaginative fashion. The text will be our class read and later in the term, we will be adding to this with the sequel The Iron Woman also by Ted Hughes. We will be exploring lots of other texts along the way too.



Writing

Girl and Robot is a fantastic short animation which we will be using to fuel our writing. Children will be continuing the story and will come across speech in their writing for the first time this year. Later in the term, the children will be diarising events from a classic robot story called The Iron Women by Ted Hughes which we'll be reading along with its pre-quel The Iron Man.





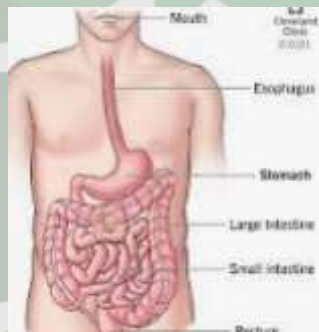
World Book Day

We had a year group full of colourful characters for World Book Day which was wonderful to see—thank you for all your support helping your children get ready for this. We enjoyed sharing the book **Flooded** and later we all become 'birders' helping our feathered friends with delicious homemade feeders. We now have a 'birder' kit including binoculars and field guide for children to borrow on a weekly basis. Finally, our **Book of Books, Year 4 Book Reviews** is simply astonishing—the effort that children (and adults) go to is very much appreciated. It's something we can all be proud of and will have a home in the school library at the end of the year which is quite a legacy!



Science

Our gnashers will be out in science when children get the opportunity to identify different types of teeth and their properties and have a go at making their very own digestive system. It's definitely going to give them food for thought (excuse the pun)!



Geography

We are continuing with our map work this half term while introducing a country further afield. By studying the topography and geography of Egypt now, children will have a better understanding of why the Ancient Egyptian civilisation sprung up around the Nile—more of that in Summer 2.

