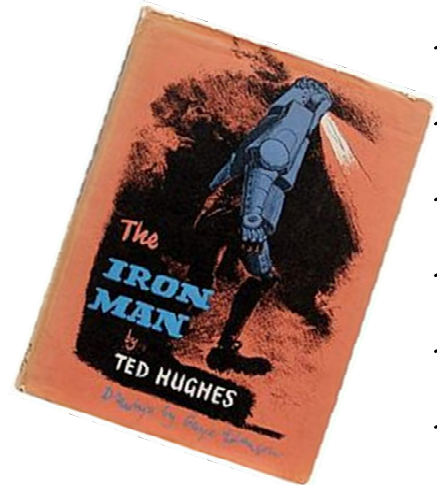
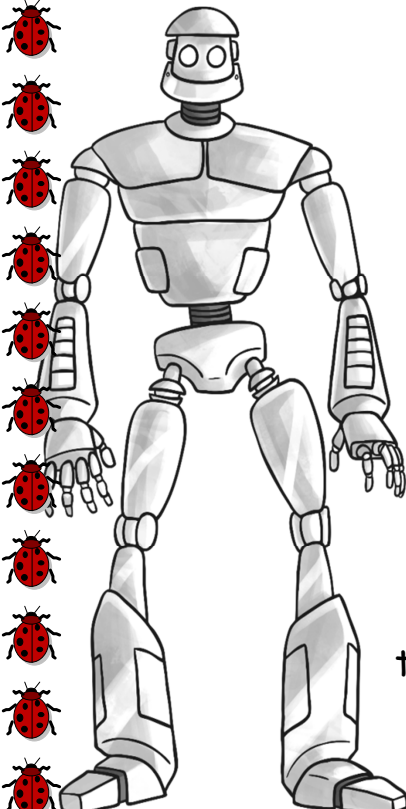


Life in Year 3



It has been another very busy and exciting term in Year 3! We have thoroughly enjoyed reading our class novel **The Iron Man** by Ted Hughes.

In English we have used action in writing in order to create our own exciting and descriptive story openings in which the Iron Man arrives on planet earth. The children designed and created an iron meal for the friendly visitor who just loves eating metal and they used rich vocabulary to give a great description of him slowly emerging from the darkness, his headlamp eyes blazing green then red. The children also looked at Brenda William's poem of the Iron Giant coming and the language features used as a model for creating their own wonderful poems. Furthermore the children focused a lot of learning on adventure stories this term creating their own versions of House Haunting as well as writing brilliant Newspaper reports about the Giants test of strength with the space bat angel dragon! As you might guess our friendly giant won!

A huge well done to all the children in Year 3 who as part of their spring topic project created their own fantastic and clever life like robots from a variety of recyclable materials and resources available. We even have robots that light up!



In Science we have learnt all about rocks as well as our topic forces and magnets. The children have compared and grouped different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. Class 3 have researched and explained how fossils have formed and they understand that fossils are formed when things that have lived get trapped within a rock. The children enjoyed creating diagrams of the layers of soil and create a soil cocktail. They know that soil is made up of organic matter. We investigated and enjoyed comparing how the toy cars moved on different surfaces. We noticed that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance.



In PE the children have developed their balancing and moving skills on the floor and across a range of benches and other pieces of high and low equipment and apparatus. The children's increasing confidence and skills enabled them to create a wonderful sequence of movements in a short routine in front of an audience, which included a starting and finishing balance, which they all managed to hold well!



The **Easter** celebrations were very enjoyable here at St. Joseph's School. The children created outstanding Easter Bonnets and participated in an exciting and difficult to judge parade in school. Class 3 also decorated and created fantastic eggs which were on display. There were even some unusual and colourful dyed eggs designed by children.

After all their hard work and duties in and around school this term the children gathered together in prayer and thought, during a shared table that reminded us all of Jesus' last meal with his disciples and what the meaning of Easter is to us all.



