

Year 4 Topic snapshot- We Are Heroes

Key vocabulary

Resilience – the ability to recover readily from adversity and difficulty.

Identity – the qualities and beliefs that distinguish or identify a person.

Legacy – anything handed down from the past

Settlement – a collection of dwellings forming a community; a place where people live.

Sacred – someone or something which is shown great respect

Diptych – a work of art divided into two panels or sections.

Unique - being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else.

Perseverance - persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success

Key Texts

The Iron Man by Ted Hughes

This is a tale about a giant iron man that roams around the land satisfying his appetite by eating farm machinery and scrap metal. The humans are scared of what they don't understand and plot the Iron Man's demise. Soon however, they realise that they need his help when a sinister visitor from outer space threatens the entire world.

The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Forbidden to leave her island, Isabella dreams of the faraway lands her father once mapped. When her best friend disappears, she's determined to be part of the search party. Guided by an ancient map and her knowledge of the stars, Isabella navigates the island's dangerous Forgotten Territories.

Key figures



Frida Kahlo: a Mexican painter famous for portraits and works inspired by nature.

Isaac Newton: 17thC English mathematician, physicist and astronomer, most famous for discovering laws of gravity and motion.

Jane Austen: 18thC English novelist who wrote *Pride and Prejudice* and *Sense and Sensibility* amongst other novels.

Ada Lovelace: 19thC English writer who became the world's first computer programmer.

Dame Maggie Aderin-Pocock: Born in Camden in 1968, Dame Maggie is a British space scientist and science educator.

Malala Yousefzai: Born in 1997 in Pakistan, Malala is a Pakistani activist for female education and the youngest Nobel Prize Laureate.

Greta Thunberg: Born in 2003, Greta is a Swedish climate activist who is known for challenging world leaders to take immediate action.