

Year 4 Topic snapshot- Heroic Humans

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

Triptych – a work of art divided into three 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

Krindlekrax by Philip Ridley

Ruskin Splinter is small and thin, with knock-knees, thick glasses and a squeaky voice, and the idea of him taming a dragon makes the whole class laugh. Big, strong Elvis is stupid but he looks like a hero. But when the mysterious beast, Krindlekrax, threatens Lizard Street and everyone who lives there, who will save the day?

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.

Key figures



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

Roy Lichtenstein: an American artist, he was a leading figure in the pop art movement.

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.

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