

English Science Fiction



What is Science fiction?

Science fiction – or sometimes called sci-fi – is a genre (type of) of fiction that discusses imaginative and futuristic ideas such as; science and technology, space, extra-terrestrial life (aliens), time travel and parallel universes.



What are we going to do?

- During our science fiction topic, we are going to be looking at the book 'The War of the Worlds' by H G Wells.
- This book was written in 1897 and is still very popular today. Wells wrote this book over a 120 years ago – when the internet, camera phones, televisions, telephones and social media DID NOT exist.

War of the Worlds By H G Wells

- Mysterious explosions on the surface of Mars signal the beginning of an alien invasion. Soon the ruthless creatures are terrorizing Earth with their unstoppable death rays. Can nothing prevent these merciless Martians from taking over the world?

What is 'The War of the Worlds' about.....

- The War of the Worlds tells us a story about an alien invasion and the story is told by a man (the narrator) and his brother.
- Over the space of a week, flashing lights are seen in the sky and the narrator believes they are from the planet Mars.
- Then, early one morning a 'falling star' lands in a town outside of London. People are curious and start to go to the place where it has crashed.
- The 'falling star' is actually a cylinder object and is made of metal, it also seems to be empty.
- The cylinder starts to open and an alien appears.
- The night after, the same thing happens and another 'falling star' lands next to the first one.
- Another alien appear and fighting soon breaks out between the aliens and the humans.
- Another few cylinders and aliens arrive from Mars and start a war.
- The aliens have a special 'heat ray' power that burns humans to death and sets fire to hills, houses, garden and whole towns.
- Soon, an army of aliens start to invade towns and cities and kill hundreds and hundreds of people.
- The aliens die from an infection and the world is safe again.

Description of the aliens.....



‘I think everyone expected to see a man emerge – possibly something a little unlike us terrestrial men (humans). But, looking, I presently saw something stirring within the shadow: greyish billowy movements, one above another, then two luminous disks – like eyes. Then something resembling a little grey snake, about the thickness of a walking stick, coiled up out of the writhing middle, and wriggled in the air towards me...’

‘A big greyish rounded bulk, the size of a bear, was rising slowly from the cylinder...’

Description of the aliens.....

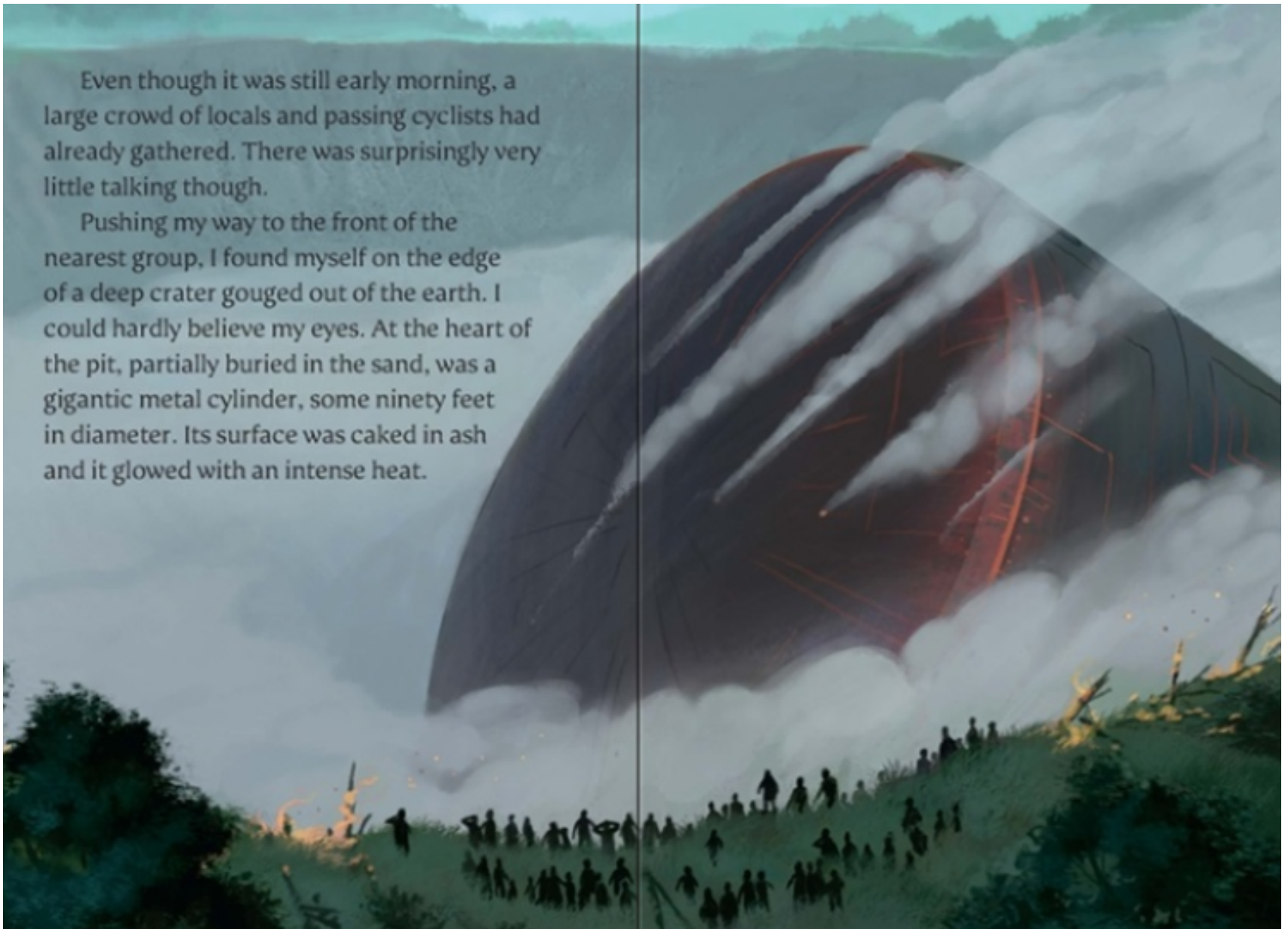


‘Two large dark-coloured eyes were watching me.....there was a mouth under the eyes that dripped saliva. The whole creature heaved and pulsated.....a tentacle gripped the edge of the cylinder and another swayed in the air’.

Would you like to
meet this creature??
I know I wouldn't!


Even though it was still early morning, a large crowd of locals and passing cyclists had already gathered. There was surprisingly very little talking though.

Pushing my way to the front of the nearest group, I found myself on the edge of a deep crater gouged out of the earth. I could hardly believe my eyes. At the heart of the pit, partially buried in the sand, was a gigantic metal cylinder, some ninety feet in diameter. Its surface was caked in ash and it glowed with an intense heat.

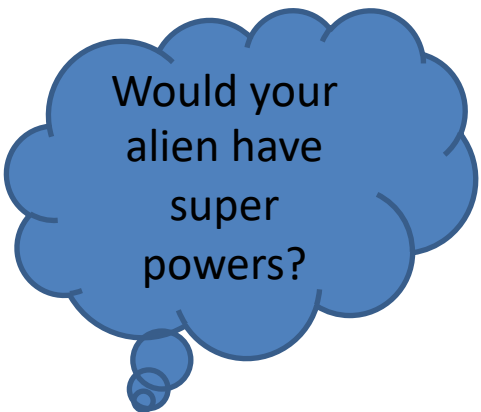


Your task for this week.....

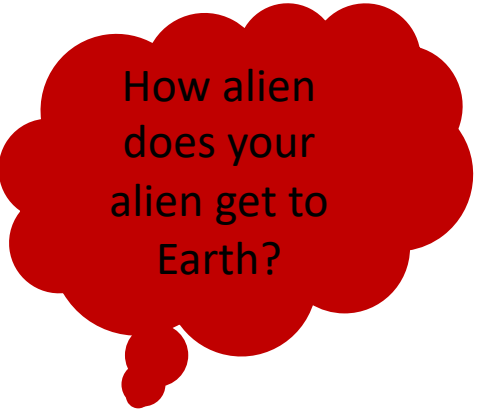
- Group 1 (TM) I would like you to design your own alien – draw it, label it and colour it in. Write 1-2 sentences about your alien. Use the next two slides to help you.
- Group 2 (PM, TB, EH, EG, TK) I would like you to design your own alien – draw it, label it and colour it in. Write 3-4 sentences about your alien. Use the next two slides to help you.
- Group 3 (KS, AC, JS, WW) I would like you to write a descriptive piece about your alien. What does it look like? What colour is it? Use plenty of adjectives in your writing.
- Group 4 (JH, JC) I would like you to write a descriptive piece about your alien. What does it look like? What colour is it? Use plenty of adjectives, punctuation and remember to use paragraphs.



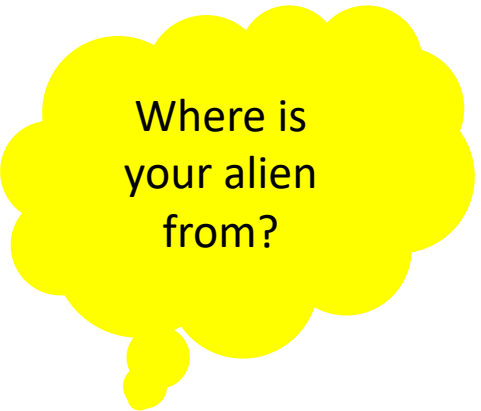
What would
your alien
look like?




Would your
alien have
super
powers?




How alien
does your
alien get to
Earth?



Where is
your alien
from?



Is it friendly
or nasty?



Is your alien
alone or with
its friends?

WOW WORDS FOR YOUR WRITING.....

Exciting

Unusual

Terrifying

Frightening

Petrified

Mesmerised

Mysterious

Invasion