



INVENTOR & MAKER OF THE WEEK

Leonardo da Vinci

ARTIST, SCIENTIST, ENGINEER & INVENTOR

Leonardo da Vinci was born in Italy on April 15th 1452. He is most famous as one of the greatest artists in history, especially for his most famous painting, the Mona Lisa.

However da Vinci was good at lots of other things too and is also remembered as an engineer, scientist, inventor and architect. In fact, he is known as one of the most intelligent and talented people who has ever lived.

Leonardo kept notebooks full of drawings and sketches. Many of these drawings were scientific, showing his observations of the world. One of the most famous is the Vitruvian Man which features on the 1 Euro coin.

His drawings also showed many new invention ideas, including the first flying machine, an armoured tank, solar power, a self-supporting bridge and a basic calculator.

His ideas were so ahead of his time that very few of them were actually made or even possible to make while he was alive.

