

Let's recap

Why does our world need science fiction?

- To raise awareness about the benefits or downsides of scientific progress

Example: *Black Mirror* shows how society can use new technologies – the impact it can have on people, both good and bad – allowing us to ponder what should or shouldn't happen in the future

- To inspire new technology // make us think outside the box

Example: prosthetics / robotic limbs first seen in fiction

- Inspires people to become engineers > creates a calling in children

Example: many science-fiction writers are scientists // physicists // engineers or at least do enough research

- To entertain us while making us reflect on ethical dilemmas and think "What if ... ?"

Example: *E.T.*