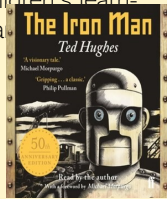


Year 4

Dear Parents,
We are really excited to welcome the children back from the holidays. We hope that the children have had a brilliant holiday and have recharged their batteries.

As always, our door is always open if you have any questions or comments about the children's learning. We are all looking forward to a fantastic year.

The Year 4 Team



English:

- In the first half term, we will be reading poems by John Lyon
- We will also be reading *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. We will be writing a first person reflection, a character description and some poetry.
- In the second half term we will be reading *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's stone* by J.K Rowling.

Children will continue to read weekly as part of our Shared reading sessions. It would be great if you could ask your child what they have been learning about in reading and their English lessons to reinforce the learning that takes place.

Within Writing sessions, children will be demonstrating their understanding of writing at a Year 4 level and therefore it is important that they are here for all sessions so as to build their understanding of what makes a successful writer.

Remember to read at least 5 times a week and to fill in your Reading Journal in the Learning Links!
Also, practise your spellings every day so that you can become a super speller!



Mathematics

This term pupils will be focusing on:

- Multiplication and Division
- Area and Perimeter
- Fractions
- Decimals

Every morning, we complete some arithmetic practise as part of our daily calculations. Please make sure your child is in at 8.40am every day.

Remember to practise your times tables daily! All year 4 children will have a times table test at the end of year 4. Children MUST know all their times tables up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4.

Personal, Health, Social and Community Education (P.H.S.C.E.)

We will be starting the topic 'Financial Understanding'. This unit looks at ways to gain money and how to manage money effectively.

In the second half term, we will look at 'Family and Friends'. This unit looks at respecting others, keeping friends and resolving conflicts.

P.E. and Swimming

Swimming will continue every Monday, please ensure that you have the correct kit

On P.E days, please remember to wear your kit to school and wear appropriate footwear.

On all other days, children should wear full uniform; including full black footwear

Topic — Amazing Art (First half term)

The pupils explore two famous artists and identify their unique style. Pupils have the opportunity to reproduce famous pieces of art work and also compare the similarities between them. We have launched our topic with an art day where the children are holding an art gallery.



Topic — Amazing Nature (Second half term)

In this fascinating topic, the children will learn what mountains, rivers and coasts actually are, some of the forces that help create and shape these important features, and the effects they have on the world around them.

Within our topics we now have launch and landing days. Launch days are a great way to start the topic with an activity or trip to get the children excited about what they will be learning. Landing days are at the end of the topic when the children get to show off the knowledge they have gained in a fun and exciting way. We also have family challenges which are a great way for you to spend some time with your child and immerse yourself within their learning as well.

Computing

Coding— we will learn how to code and the key terminology involved.

Music

Chinese New Year songs

Plynie statek (4T1)

A traditional Polish playground song with a call-and-response structure

A young Austrian (4T1)

An African American playground song in a jazz/blues style

R.E

Hinduism and Easter

Important Dates:

6th January—Art Launch Day

W/c 9th February—Safer Internet Day

11th February 2022—School closes for Half-Term