



# YEAR 4 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



## Welcome to Year 4!

We hope you've had an excellent summer holiday and are raring to go with our action packed curriculum for the Autumn term.

We are looking forward to finding out about Britain after the Roman invasion, investigating electricity, developing our Maths and English skills through our class novel, *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. In the meantime, if you have any questions or worries, please get in touch.

The Year 4 team



## As Mathematicians

This term, we are learning about place value and the four number operations (+, -, x and ÷) as well as how to use these when solving word problems.

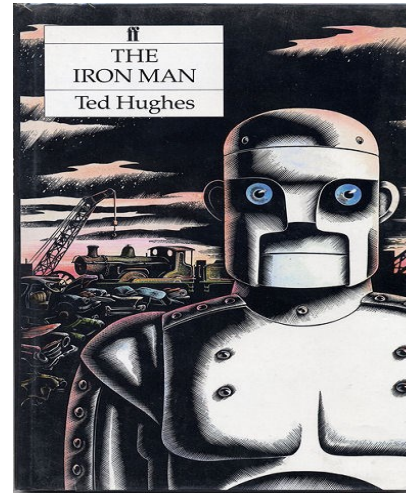
We will continue to have weekly Rock Star Times Table tests and develop our mental maths skills. We will need to learn our times tables so that we can recall an answer as quickly as we can say our name.

You can help at home by .....

- Completing homework tasks with your children
- Learning times tables facts off by heart



## As Writers



In English this term we will be reading *Ironman* by Ted Hughes and using this as a springboard for a variety of types of fiction and non-fiction writing.

We will also read *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo and write our own sequel.

We will continue to develop our grammar, punctuation and spelling skills. In addition, we will be improving the range of sentence types we use when writing.

You can help at home by...

- Completing homework tasks with us
- Reading books daily together

## As Scientists

In Science this term we are learning about Electricity. We will be constructing and investigating circuits as well as looking at what materials we could use as insulators and conductors. We will be learning about famous scientists such as Faraday and Tesla. In addition, we will be learning about where we get our electricity from and what the future sources may be, such as solar power.





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## As Historians and Geographers

In History we are learning about the Roman Invasion! We will be looking at the reasons the Romans invaded and why some decided to settle in Britain. Famous Romans we will be learning about include Caesar, Hadrian and Caractacus.

We will be further developing our understanding of the Roman occupation.

You can help at home by helping us learn about the famous Romans and supporting us to complete our homework projects.

On Monday 6th November we will be having a Roman Day.

## As Designers

In Art we are learning about observational drawing. We will be investigating different mark making techniques and using a variety of media. You can help at home by giving us opportunities to draw from observation or look at the work of famous artists.

In DT we will be using our knowledge of circuits to make our own Ironman.

## ROMANS AND ROBOTS!

## As good citizens

In P.S.H.E. we are learning about New Beginnings, Getting On and Falling Out. We will also be looking at a range of Anti-bullying information.

In R.E. we are learning about how different people express joy and show that they are thankful. We will also be developing our understanding of being reflective and valuing knowledge.

## As Athletes

In P.E. we are learning about balances and will be developing our attacking and defending skills when playing ball games.



Please make sure P.E. kits are in school.



## As Programmers

In Computing we are using 'Book Creator' to create our own ebook. We will also be using ipads and laptops to write for different audiences. Remember the rules of e-safety so that you stay safe online.