



YEAR 4 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



Welcome to Year 4!

We hope you have had an brilliant 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 and making our own robots. Our Maths and English skills will be further developed throughout the year building on what we already know from Year 3. . In the meantime, if you have any questions or worries, please get in touch.



Miss Hickman, Miss Fletcher and Mrs Hobkirk-Smith

As Mathematicians

This term, we are learning about place value and the number operations: addition and subtraction. We will use these skills when solving word problems. Developing our reasoning skills will also continue to be a focus.

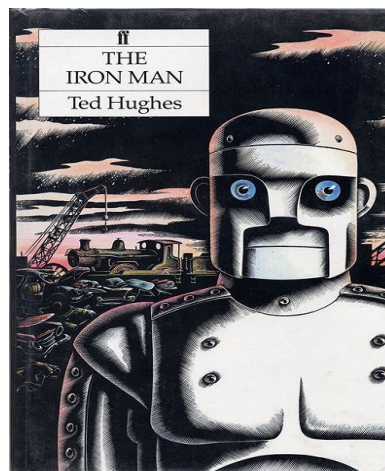


We will continue to have weekly Rock Star Times Table tests and develop our mental maths skills. We will need to learn our times tables so that we can recall an answer as quickly as we can say our name.

You can help at home by

- Completing homework tasks with your children
- Practising our times tables. We need to know up to 12x by the end of Year 4.

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. This includes newspaper reports, instructions and writing our own sequel 'Ironwoman'.

We will also read Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo focussing on diary entries and writing 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

As Historians we will be learning about the Roman Invasion! We will be looking at the reasons the Romans invaded and why some decided to settle in Britain. Some of the famous Romans we will be learning about include Caesar, Hadrian and Caractacus.

We will be further developing our understanding of the Roman occupation. On 12th September we will be having a Roman Day with Timezone.

As Geographers, we will be exploring Europe using our excellent mapping skills. We will be looking at the different countries and major cities within Europe and Russia.

As Athletes

In P.E. we will be developing our attacking and defending skills when playing ball games such as basketball, football and hockey. Focusing on our core strength we will also take part in Pilates. Please make sure P.E. kits are in school every week.



As Designers

In Art we are learning to use a variety of media to draw the Ironman. We will be looking at sketching, shading and observational skills.

In DT, we will be using our knowledge of circuits to make our own Ironman. We will be holding a parent workshop for this so look out for the letter!

RAMPAGING ROMANS



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 Programmers

In Computing we will be developing our skills of being programmers. We will be using Scratch and exploring how to make animated robots. Remember the rules of e-safety so that you always stay safe online.