

Spring Term Newsletter

Dear parents of Year 3,

Welcome back after what we hope has been a restful and enjoyable break. Many thanks for all the generous gifts that we received last term.

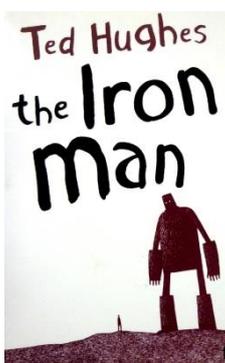


As the weather is cold, please ensure your child is well-wrapped up with a named coat, hat, gloves and scarf when necessary! Also, a gentle reminder that pots for healthy snacks and jumpers should be named as well.

Topic

The children have enjoyed our History focus days, where we have studied the question, 'What happened when the Romans came?' This included the impact the Romans had on Britain, Boudicca's rebellion and life as a Roman. We look forward to sharing our learning with you on Friday 9th February in our sharing assembly at the end of this half term.

Literacy



In reading comprehension this half term, the children are studying 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes.

Please continue to read regularly at home and sign reading records at least 5 times a week to receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a book token. Please note the change of day for checking the reading records will now be a **Thursday**, however, all reading records and books should be in every day.

Our literacy and language genre for this half term is based on a science fiction/fantasy story called 'A tale of Two Robots' by Roy Appes. We will devise questions for the main character, explore how Roy Appes develops plot, write a new episode for the story and study similes, determiners and conjunctions.

Literacy homework will continue every two weeks starting from Wednesday 17th January.



New spelling lists for this half term have been stuck in green spelling books and handed out this week. Please continue to practise these each week and hand in on a Monday for checking. Spelling tests from the end of last term can be found at the back of their green spelling books. Please could you revise any misspelt words underlined in green.

Maths

This term, we will:

- *learn the formal method for multiplication and practise using it the multiply 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers
- *use times tables to answer division questions
- *read weighing scales to give the mass of an item, and convert between kilograms and grams
- *read the scales on measuring jugs to give the volume of an amount of liquid, and convert between litres and millilitres
- *learn how to add, subtract and compare simple fractions

We will have a mini-test every two weeks, on a Monday and a times table test on Fridays. Please continue to practise times tables at home.

Maths Homework will continue as before, with the first practice test sheet coming home on Wed 24th Jan.

Science

Our topic will be rocks and soils. We will be finding out the different ways in which rocks are formed and how to identify different types. We will also learn about what is in soil, how soils are varied and how they can be used.

A slight change to the timetable means that Miss Morton is teaching beginners' Spanish in place of French.

One-to-one music lessons continue to be available in singing, guitar, piano, violin, recorder, flute, clarinet, saxophone, brass instruments and drums. (Paired lessons are also available.) Please ask for more details.

As ever, please feel free to contact us if and when needed.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Morton and Mrs Berrisford