

YR 4 NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year and welcome back for the Spring Term!

Class Learning

Our learning this half term will be based mostly around The Iron Man by Ted Hughes.

In **English** our sentence stacking will be covered using the Jane Considine unit of the Iron Man and we will be reading and analysing the novel, a science fiction adventure. We will be writing settings and character descriptions and then developing these into our own stories. We will continue to improve our comprehension using the VIPERS skills



Our **artwork** will also link closely to the Iron Man topic and will include a study of the artist Henry Matisse, exploring aspects of printing, and producing our own print around an Iron Man theme based on the style of Henry Matisse.



In **Geography** we will learn about the difference between physical and human geography, we will develop our global location and mapwork skills and identify continents, oceans and environmental zones.

During PSHE sessions, we will be exploring the topic of 'becoming an active citizen'.

In **Computing** we will discover how to make animations using the 2Animate programme on Purple Mash, linking closely with our art and Iron Man based on our Science topic.



learning, as well as how to make our own PowerPoint

In our **science** topic we will be exploring sound through some fun investigations.

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In **Mathematics** our focus for the term is Multiplication and Division. Please continue to help your child learn their times tables and KIRFS at home.

In **RE** we will be discovering what we can learn from religions about deciding what is right and wrong.

In **PE** our focus for this half term is swimming so please make sure your child brings a swimming kit to school every Wednesday.

Home Learning



Spelling shed assignments will be set every week and on Purple Mash there will be a quick times tables practice for them to do. The learning and practising of times tables is really important in Year 4 because in July 2024 the children will sit a government set times-tables test.

Please listen to your child read and record and sign any home reading in their Reading Records; it is important to hear them at least 3 times a week, even if they are a confident reader.

Homework will be handed out each Friday, sometimes written tasks and other times digital tasks on Purple Mash. Please ensure all homework is handed in by Thursday of each week. Occasionally topic projects will be set, and these will have longer periods in which to be completed.

We are looking forward to a busy spring term, full of fun and productive learning!

Kind regards

Mr Danby