English and Reading

Our focus for this half term is the text The Iron Man by Ted Hughes

We will be using this to create some writing of our own based upon environmental issues. This will include poetry, stories, factual writing and diary entries.

We will be looking at noun phrases, adjectives, adverbs and connectives in our grammar work for this term.

When reading the children will be asked to answer questions based on the text. We will be focusing on comprehension skills, as well as reading between the lines of the meaning of the text.

History/Geography- All Around the World

This term we are looking at the whole world!

We will be looking at the different continents, countries and major cities of the world

It will involve a good deal of atlas and map work, teaching children to find and locate places quickly.

We will be using grid references to learn how to find places in an atlas quickly.

We will also be looking at different time zones and why and how these developed.

There will be a chance to make our own maps of the local area, as well as a chance to test these maps out with local visits.

French

The children will be learning how to make statements about the school environment.

They will also be telling time using half-hours, quarter hours and 24hr clock notation.

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on Place Value for the majority of the term. This will include looking at Roman Numerals, numbers up to 100,000 rounding, written addition and subtraction.

We will also be concentrating on our times tables, as this is now a key focus at the end of Year 4. By the end of the year we should all know our times tables up to 12x12 – with quick mental recall.

Another focus will be independent working and thinking skills. Knowing what to do to solve problems

<u>Art-</u>

This term we are linking our art to our topic and creating art inspired by the Iron Man.

This will involve using different mediums such as charcoals, chalk pastels, pencil, paints and collage.

We will be creating a large scale Iron Man to display within the class.

We will also be doing mark making and pencil grip skills to improve both artistic work and handwriting.

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Science-

This term our science topic is electricity. This will include making electrical circuits, both series and parallel. We will also learn the names and symbols of different electrical components, and how to draw circuit diagrams.

We will be putting these skills to good use by designing and making our own working burglar alarm. We will have great fun testing these.

Religious Education (R.E)

This unit enables to children to understand the teachings of Jesus, and the ways in which different people worship Jesus.



Computing- Keeping Safe

This term we will be looking at computer safety, and internet safety. This will include staying safe online, and making sure we know what to do if we feel unsafe.

We will also be working on our ICT presentation skills, using programs such as Word, Publisher and PowerPoint.

Physical Education (P.E)-Swimming

This term we will be swimming every Friday afternoon.

This is part of the curriculum and is compulsory for all children.

Please ensure your child has their kit and a towel every week.