



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you've had a lovely half-term holiday and are looking forward to everything we'll be doing in the run-up to Christmas!

This term our topic 'The Iron Man' is based on the classic novel by Ted Hughes. We will continue to learn about environmental issues and how we can improve our local environment. Towards the start of December, our focus will be on the Christmas Enterprise market and designing and making lots of lovely things to sell.

Home Learning

Your child will receive a new Home Learning brochure with tasks linked to our topic for the 7 weeks this term. Each week we will also hand out a Maths home learning task. **All Home Learning must be handed in by Tuesday to give time to mark it, ready to send the new tasks home on Wednesdays.**

Children will be tested on their spellings every Friday. Spellings will be given out every Monday for your children to practise at home, so please support them in doing this.

In addition to weekly home learning, we expect all children to:

- Read daily (with an adult or independently)
- Practise times tables, with division facts in a mixed order, up to 12 x 12 (www.multiplication.com and 'hit the button' are great websites for this)

Reading

We would like to challenge the children to record their own reading more regularly. Currently, very few children bring in their Reading Record books, and it would be great for us to see what your children are enjoying reading at home.

It is very important for children of all ages to read regularly, to help them understand more complex vocabulary and develop higher-order reading skills.

It is not essential for your child to read aloud, but it would be helpful if this is done at home at least twice a week, regardless of their ability.

General Reminders...

For the Autumn term, PE will be on Tuesdays and swimming will continue on Thursdays

It is essential that children have a full, labelled PE kit in school, including a water bottle. If they don't have their kit, they won't be able to take an active part in the lesson.

We will have six swimming lessons this term. A letter will be sent from the school office regarding the arrangements and payment soon.

Forest School sessions:

This term, our Forest School sessions will take place on Wednesday 1st November and Wednesday 29th November. Please send your child to school with appropriate warm, waterproof outdoor clothing and footwear for these lessons as we don't have spare kit in school. Children **must not** wear shorts or short-sleeved tops, as their arms and legs need to be protected.

Water Bottles and Coats

Please make sure your child has a refillable water bottle in school and brings a coat each day. Our lessons don't always take place in the classroom, so we need your children to be prepared for outdoor learning, whatever the weather!

Mrs Boswell

Mrs Voss

Class 4 Topic Overview Term 2

Subject	Year 4
Theme	The Iron Man
Christian Value	Compassion
English	Story writing Christmas poetry
Maths	Multiplication & Division Length & Perimeter
Science	Forces and Magnets
ICT	eSafety and stop motion animation
History	
Geography	Environmental education
R.E.	Christianity - incarnation
Art & Design	Moving toys
Design Technology	Moving toys
P.E.	Mr Tanner & swimming
Music	Glockenspiels
P.H.S.C.E.	Environmental education & eSafety
French	All around town & transport
Wow Events	Table Top Sale - 8 th November Pantomime - 5 th December Christmas Enterprise Market - 15 th December
Assembly for Parents	Wednesday 6 th December
Community Links	Christmas service 15 th December
SMSC Social Moral Spiritual and Cultural	Forest School Mindfulness with Ms Tromans