



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a fantastic Christmas holiday and enjoyed the time spent with your family and friends. Thank you all for your lovely cards and gifts, it was very kind of you to think of us.

This term starts a new geography based topic all about The UK. Our English story is Ted Hughes' The Iron Man. The children will produce work linked to the story and write in a variety of styles including poetry and newspaper reports. We will continue with multiplication and division in Maths before moving on to learn about measurement. In Science the children will be learning finishing their Light topic and then moving on to learn all about forces and magnets.

If you have any questions or need anything, please do pop in for a chat ☺

Mrs O'Neill & Mrs Thomas

Home Learning

You will receive a new Home Learning brochure with tasks linked to our topic until half term. Homework tasks for both topic and Maths will continue to be set on **Thursdays**. Please hand in homework by **Tuesday** to allow time for us to mark and return it. Please complete Maths homework using a pencil not in pen as it looks so much neater.

Spellings

The spellings for this half term are: suffix ly, words ending in the 'chur' sound such as adventure, creature, words ending in the 'shun' sound such as erosion, pension, and the suffix ous. Spelling rules will be sent each week with children expected to think of as many words that follow the rule as possible! This worked brilliantly last term and the children worked really hard to learn lots of different words following the correct rule.

Reading

Well done to all those children who are reading daily. It has been fantastic to see so many children reading every day, almost the whole class now! Keep it up guys, it does not go unnoticed ☺

Times Tables

We have been so impressed with the determination shown by the children who are keen to pass each week - well done. These strong number skills have really helped children when multiplying and dividing.

Children are encouraged to make use of Times Tables Rock Stars to practise their time tables. In June, all of the children in Class 4 will complete the Multiplication Tables Check set by the Government. All children are expected to know all of their times tables up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4. Please ensure all children are regularly using TTRockstars on the Soundcheck as this is a replica of the MTC and will help each child get used to the test procedure.

www.ttrockstars.com

Below is the Cracking Times Tables pyramid for your reference.

Level	Tables Tested	Number of Questions
1	2	10
2	2, 10	15
3	2, 10, 5	20
4	2, 10, 5, 4	25
5	2, 10, 5, 4, 8	30
6	2, 10, 5, 4, 8, 3	35
7	2, 10, 5, 4, 8, 3, 6	30
8	2, 10, 5, 4, 8, 3, 6, 9	45
9	2, 10, 5, 4, 8, 3, 6, 9, 7	50
10	2, 10, 5, 4, 8, 3, 6, 9, 7	100

General Reminders...

PE

For the Spring term PE will be on **Tuesday morning and afternoon**

Forest School sessions:

Tuesday 14th January

Wednesday 5th February

Wednesday 4th March

Wednesday 25th March

Please add these dates to your calendar so your child remembers their kit!

Topic Overview

	Literacy	Maths	Science	History/Geography	Art / DT	Music	RE	PE	OTHER
1 4th January	The Iron Man Poetry	Multiplication & division Wk1 Short multiplication	(LITERACY LINKS) Forces and magnets Push and pull KWL	Local area study The UK Glossary Countries and cities	Art specialist Monday afternoons (AO 1:1 interventions)	Glockenspiel Grade 2	Judaism ‘How special is the relationship Jews have with God?’	Clive Tanner	
2 13th January	The Iron Man Descriptive writing SPA6: too/to, of/off	Multiplication & division Wk2 Bus stop division Word problems	(LITERACY LINKS) Forces and magnets Faster and slower	Local area study The UK Rivers and seas	Art specialist Monday afternoons (AO 1:1 interventions)	Glockenspiel Grade 2	Judaism ‘How special is the relationship Jews have with God?’	Clive Tanner	FOREST SCHOOL Tuesday 14th Jan
3 20th January	The Iron Man Descriptive writing SPA6: possessive apostrophes	Multiplication & division Wk3 Consolidation Hot assessment	(LITERACY LINKS) Forces and magnets Scrapyard challenge	Local area study The UK Around the countries	Art specialist Monday afternoons (AO 1:1 interventions)	Glockenspiel Grade 2	Judaism ‘How special is the relationship Jews have with God?’	Clive Tanner	
4 27th January	The Iron Man Descriptive writing/Newspaper reports SPA6: double p/t spelling rule (chopping, cutting)	Measurement - Area	Forces and magnets Magnet strength	Local area study The UK Hills and mountains	Art specialist Monday afternoons (AO 1:1 interventions)	Glockenspiel Grade 2	Judaism ‘How special is the relationship Jews have with God?’	Clive Tanner	
5 3rd February	The Iron Man Newspaper reports SPA6: sentence structure game	Fractions Cold assessment	Forces and magnets Magnet poles	Local area study The UK How London grew	Art specialist Monday afternoons (AO 1:1 interventions)	N/A Wembley Concert	Judaism ‘How special is the relationship Jews have with God?’ Update KWL grid	Clive Tanner	FOREST SCHOOL Wednesday 5th Feb CHALLENGE PARTNERS Wembley Friday 7th Feb choir YV
6 10th February	The Iron Man Newspaper reports	Fractions	Forces and magnets Marvellous magnets Assessment	Local area study The UK Our changing nation	Art specialist Monday afternoons (AO 1:1 interventions)	Glockenspiel Grade 2	N/A - TD DAY	Clive Tanner Yoga Zumba	Yoga 13th Zumba 12th Heroes and Heroines 13th Feb TD Day 14th Feb