

Year 3 Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2026

Happy New Year!

This half term's topic is called 'A Force To Be Reckoned With'. This topic will have a focus on Science, through learning about forces and magnets. We will also be reading the classic novel 'The Iron Man'.

For swimming sessions, children will need to bring:

- 1 piece swimming costume/ trunks
- Towel
- Swimming cap for pupils with long hair

There is not enough time to use hair dryers after swimming. In cold weather, some children may like to have a hat to wear.

Dates for your diary:

Mon 12th to Fri 23rd Jan - **Walnut** Swimming
Mon 26th Jan to Fri 6th Feb - **Hazel** Swimming
Science Museum trips
Mon 9th Feb- Hazel
Tues 10th Feb- Walnut
Weds 11th Feb- Chestnut
Thurs 12th Feb- Olive
Fri 13th Feb- INSET- no school

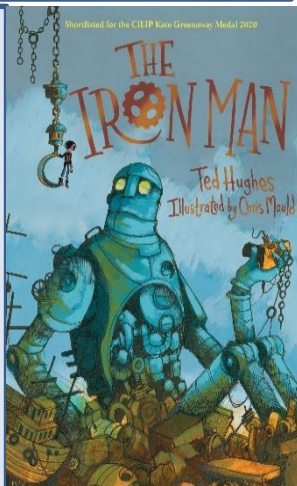
ENGLISH

What we will do:

- Read the story of *The Iron Man* to support us in learning how authors write for suspense and tension.
- Learn about the features of suspense writing and write our own suspense narrative.
- Listen to and read poetry as well as write and recite our own poems to an audience.

You could support by:

- Visiting the library to read other stories that include suspense such as *Varjak Paw*.
- Read or listen to poetry and discuss with your child.



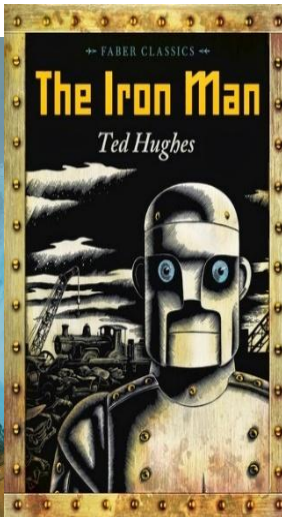
MATHS

What we will do:

- Learn mental strategies to multiply and divide numbers up to three-digits.
- Learn different methods to complete multiplication and division problems
- Compare different angles, horizontal and vertical lines and discover the difference between perpendicular and parallel lines.

You could support by:

- Adding numbers up to three-digit using column addition.
- Asking your child mental addition and subtraction questions.
- Testing your child on their tables.





PUSH



PULL



SCIENCE

What we will do:

- Focus on forces and magnets.
- Explore magnetic and non-magnetic materials.
- Understand how magnets work and why they are used.
- Observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others.

You could support by:

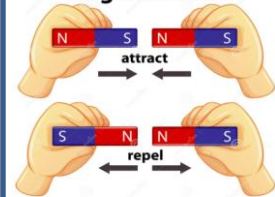
- Listing different objects that are magnetic, seeing how magnetic objects are used in our daily lives.

INDOOR PE

What we will do:

- Experience going swimming to a local swimming pool.
- Learn how to swim and be safe in a swimming pool or near water.
- Practice strokes such as front crawl and back stroke.

Magnetic Force



OUTDOOR P.E

What we will do:

- Begin to throw and catch through playing rounders.
- Learn how to field by using techniques such as creating a barrier.

ART/DT

What we will do:

- Learn about different artists who use drawing and collage to create their art.
- Use shading to create pattern, contrast and a 3D effect.
- To create a mixed media drawing.

SPANISH

This term in Spanish, we will be learning the days of the week, months of the year and numerical dates, building up to saying our birthdays. We will use Spanish phrases in conversation and sing songs to remember key vocabulary.

MUSIC

In Music, we will be learning different sound tracks and Foley music. We will be experimenting with creating sound effects.

RE

This half term we will be learning about Christianity with a focus on stories with morals.

Homework

Thank you again for your continued support with the children's homework projects. This half term, please bring in any models or photographs so that the children can share their work with the class.

COMPUTING

We will be using further exploring what an algorithm is and use this knowledge to create a variety of different coding algorithms.

This half term, children are invited to bring in their homework as soon as it is complete but all homework is due by **Friday 6th Feb.**