



Year Three Newsletter: Spring 1 2022

We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Thank you for your well wishes over the Christmas period.

We have an action-packed half term ahead based around our exciting **Mighty Machines** topic. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support with your child's learning. The children are doing well with learning the words from our Year Three word list and your encouragement in practicing these is greatly appreciated. We will now have a focus on revisiting the 3 times table before moving onto learn the 4- and 8-times tables by heart. The children will then practise how to use and apply these tables to solve mathematical problems throughout the rest of the year.

Our Learning Theme



Important Dates:

Salt's Mill Visits - Thursday 20th January (TBC)

Thursday 27th January (TBC)

In order to explore how the use of buildings and machinery have changed over time in our local area, we will also be taking the children to the Glen Tramway, on a walk around the village and to Salts Works to see their world record printing press. Dates for these events are to be confirmed.

Homework

Learn by Heart spelling and maths targets will continue to be sent every 2 weeks. In addition, we expect children to be accessing Times Tables Rock Stars from home to support their learning of their times tables and division facts. These have been updated with the tables the children are working on.

Learning Log

Learning Logs will be sent home on **Monday 10th January**. The children can pursue any area of interest regarding our topic. These are to be returned to school on **Monday 14th February**.

PE Days

Tuesday – Indoor – robotic dance
Thursday – Outdoor PE led by Funda:

Please ensure your child attends school on these days in full PE kit according to the school dress code.

Curriculum

English

To begin our new topic "Mighty Machines", we will be reading *How a Robot Cat Works*. The children will look at the features and presentation styles of an explanation text. We will then move on to read our class novel *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes, exploring plot, character, and description.

Maths

The children will continue looking at multiplication and division – introducing the formal written methods. We will then move onto money and statistics. We will consolidate the 3 times tables and begin to learn the 4- and 8-times tables.

Science:

This term we are studying magnets and forces. We will focus upon what magnets are and how they work, before exploring if all metals are magnetic.

Humanities

We will visit buildings in our local area where machinery was a key feature of its purpose and compare how these buildings and machinery have changed over time.

Art/DT

As part of our Mighty Machines topic, we will be designing and creating a mechanism that could be used in a trap to capture The Iron Man. We will be exploring levers, linkages and pivots and their purpose and uses.

Computing: Coding

The children will learn that an "algorithm" is a specific set of instructions that are used to control a function, and that algorithms have to be accurate in order to work properly.

Other:

PSHE: The children will be learning about keeping themselves safe, looking at risks and dangers and how to manage and reduce those risks.
RE: This half term's focus is Christianity. The children will be discussing stories from the Bible and learning about Jesus' Miracles.
Music: The children will begin to learn to play notes on a glockenspiel.

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