

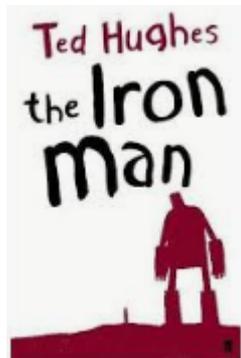
Curriculum Newsletter

Year 3 Term 3 2019/20

Welcome back and welcome to Term 3! It has been lovely to have the children back and we have enjoyed settling back into our learning.

Readers and Writers

To start this term, in our Whole Class Reading we are reading the classic story *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. We have enjoyed the mysterious start and enjoyed discussing where the Iron Man has come from. We have been making predictions about what may happen next in the story. In our writing sessions, we have been looking at non-fiction texts as we will be writing our own explanation text of the journey of a piece of food through the digestive system. Our second unit will be writing the ending to the story of *the Iron Man*, where we will practise different features such as noun phrases, fronted adverbials and short sentences for tension.



Mathematicians

For this term our maths unit is multiplication and division, although we will also be moving on to fractions. We have been continuing to learn and practise our 3 and 4 times tables, as well as the 8 times tables. We have also been looking at using arrays, number lines and formal written methods to multiply, and will soon be moving on to division. We will also be learning about how multiplication and division are the inverse of each other, and trying to apply our knowledge to solve problems.



Artists

In art we will be building on our sketching skills from last term, looking at line drawings and practising our hatching and shading skills to add tone and shadow.



Scientists

This term we have a big science focus. The children loved the demonstration of the digestive system using beans, bread and cola to represent the stomach acids. We also have an ongoing experiment involving 3 eggs, cola, water and vinegar to investigate the effect of different liquids on our teeth. We are really enjoying learning about the digestive system and will be applying this knowledge in our writing for English.



For this term, we have a professional sports coach from Bristol Sports Foundation teaching PE to our class. We will cover the key skills of basketball. We are very lucky to also have Sums and Scrums, a maths and P.E based scheme running every Thursday morning, from Bristol Sport and Bristol Bears Rugby. Children need their P.E kits on **both Tuesday and Thursday.**

PE kits need to be a white t-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms and a pair of trainers. Please ensure that children are wearing the correct clothing.



We have started to use an individualised spelling programme across the school. Your children will have ten spellings to learn every week as part of their homework and it is very important that they are supported to learn these before being tested on a Friday afternoon.



For homework, we will also continue to set tasks on Mathletics for the children to access online at mathletics.com

Please find time to also read with your child every day. The children should be independently filling these in but parent support with this is very much appreciated. Reading diaries will be checked every Friday morning.

Yours Sincerely, Miss Wheeldon