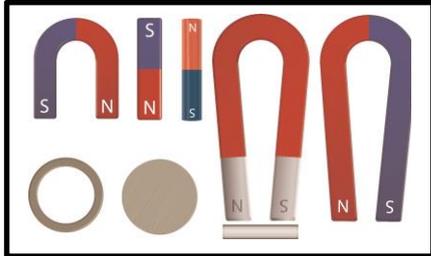


A Force to be Reckoned With

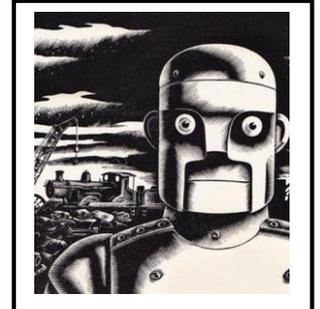
(Term 4)



Welcome back!

We hope you had a restful half term.

This term our topic is 'A Force to be Reckoned With'. We will be developing our DT skills to design, make and evaluate a magnetic game. We will be using our understanding of forces and magnets to help us with this.



English

We have spent the first week back learning about poetry to teach the children some adventurous vocabulary. Next week we will be starting the book "The Iron Man" by Ted Hughes. We will explore the text to write predictions, character descriptions and a letter of advice to one of the characters. We will then write an opening to a suspense story using varied sentence lengths for effect. We will continue to use and develop our cursive handwriting, common spelling patterns and grammar.

Maths

We will start this term by developing our understanding of addition and subtraction. We will learn how to use the column method to add 3 digit numbers to 3 digit numbers and continue to develop our knowledge of how to exchange. We will continue to practise the 3, 4 and 8 times table. It is important for the children to practise these at home.

Science

In Science, we will be exploring forces and magnets. We will examine how some forces need contact between two objects. We will observe how magnets attract or repel and describe magnets as having two poles.

Key dates

Thursday 19th March- Year 3 sharing assembly

Wednesday 1st April- Parents evening

Topic

In Design and Technology this term we will be using the process of researching, designing and making, to produce a fridge magnet. We will be using recycled materials, magnets, paper mache and paint to create our final product. We will then test and evaluate these.

In computing, we will be using PowerPoint presentations to present information that we have learnt in Science. We will learn to include pictures, video links and experiment with slide transitions.

In RE we are learning about Hinduism. We will learn about the Hindu festival of Diwali, the main Hindu Gods and the different ways that they are represented such as Shiva, Ganesh and Lakshmi. In our Drugs and Alcohol lessons will be learning about the impact that smoking and passive smoking can have on the human body.

PE

This term Scarlet class will be going swimming every Friday afternoon. Scarlet and Crimson class will be developing their teamwork and communication skills this term on a Thursday morning with Fit4sport.

Home learning

Home Learning will be issued on a Friday and due back in the following Wednesday. Your child will have one piece of Maths homework and spellings each week to learn. They will also be given a topic based project to complete throughout the term. It is really important that children are practicing times tables at home, because these form the foundations for much of the Maths work we are doing in class.

Thank you to all parents who have paid their £20 annual trips, visitors and workshops contribution.

In Term 1, we used Now Press Play to consolidate our learning on the Stone Age.

In Term 2 we took part in a skipping and circus workshop.

In Term 3, we had a CREW workshop on Stone Age to Iron Age.

In Term 4, we will have a workshop delivered by Bigfoot on World Book Day.

If you have not yet paid your £20 annual contribution, please can you do so as soon as possible to ensure this trip/visitor can take place .Regretfully, if we do not receive enough contributions, then we will be unable to run some of the trips and experiences we have planned. Many thanks.

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Lisa Andrews (Crimson Class) and Melissa Gordon (Scarlet Class).