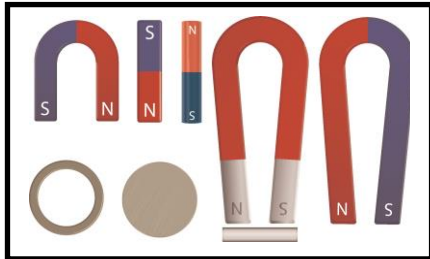
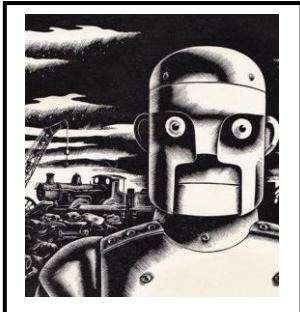


A Force to be Reckoned With

(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 newspaper article based on an eye witness account. 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 building on our knowledge of 2D shape properties and fractions. We will then work on developing our understanding of addition and subtraction. We will begin to choose which method is most efficient e.g. mental calculation or a written method. We will then apply these strategies to solve word problems. Following this, we will revisit measurement looking at length. We will build on our understanding of length and use this to calculate the perimeter of shapes. 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

Wednesday 3rd April- Parents evening

Thursday 4th April- Year 3 sharing assembly

Topic

In Design and Technology this term we will be using the process of researching, designing and making, to produce our own magnetic games. We will be combining a variety of materials to create the 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 Crimson class will be going swimming every Friday afternoon. Scarlet and Crimson class will be developing their dance skills this term on a Wednesday afternoon.

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, our visitor was the rainforest man who gave us a presentation about skeletons.

In Term 2 we took part in a skipping and circus workshop as well as a visit from the police.

In Term 3, we had a Viking workshop that taught the children about various aspects of Viking life.

In Term 4, we will have a visitor coming in from the Junk orchestra to highlight the importance of recycling.

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 Miss Ahlas (Scarlet Class).