

On this newsletter, you can find details all about what we will be learning in Spring 1 in Year 3. As always, if you have any queries at all, please see your child's class teacher at the door on a morning or afternoon.



## English

This half-term we are reading 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes.

We will be using this text in Reading to develop our inference skills by thinking about what a character might be thinking and feeling using clues in the text.

In Writing, we are going to be re-writing a section of the story. We will be writing our very own description of the Iron Man as part of our narrative, as well as learning a new skill: direct speech.

Children should be reading a variety of material at home at least 3 times and have it recorded in their reading record.



## Maths

In Maths, we are starting the Spring term with some content about right angles. We will be looking at what a right angle is, comparing right angles to other angles, and identifying them in shapes and our classroom environment. We will also be looking at different triangles and quadrilaterals.

We will then revisit mental strategies to help with addition and subtraction, which we covered briefly in Autumn 1. We will also look at some reasoning and problem-solving questions and how we can change the order of a calculation to make it easier to solve.

Children should use Times Tables Rockstars to practise their multiplication tables.



## Science

Our Science topic this half-term is **Forces and Magnets**.

We will start our topic by learning about push and pull forces. We will investigate if items need different forces to move across different surfaces using our scientific enquiry skills.

Then, we will move onto learning about magnets, including how they attract and repel each other and where we can find them in everyday life.

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### History

In History, we are learning about the Terrible Tudors.

We will be stepping back in time to explore key historical figures and events like Henry VIII and The Battle of Bosworth.

We will also be exploring the War of the Roses.



## Other Subjects

In D&T, we will be creating a Tudor house with your help!

In Computing, we are developing our skills to creating a PowerPoint presentation on our designated computing day.

In French, children will learn French numbers to 50, questions about name and age, and how to ask and answer 'how many?' questions.

In Music, we are learning to play the glockenspiels!

## P.E



Our P.E days are:

**Wednesday and Thursday**

Please make sure that your child has the correct P.E kit for indoor (Weds) and outdoor (Thurs) P.E.

Our P.E units this half term are:

Gymnastics and Netball

## Diary Dates & Messages

Please add these dates to your calendar:

Non-uniform day - 17th January

Y3/4 Movie Night - 31st January

SKA Exhibition - 9th February

Please keep an eye on our weekly newsletters for further dates and information.



## Homework

Children should:

Learn and practise their curriculum spelling list each week.

Practise times tables on TTRS.

Read **at least** 3 times per week and record it in their reading diary.