



Week beginning: Monday 13th November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Health and well-being week: this week Sycamore class is taking the theme of friendship (as part of well-being). As a result, we will be exploring friendship issues in PHSE and will be writing a recipe for friendship as part of our literacy. In addition, there are a number of exciting whole-school activities such as a theatre visit, 'Meet the Brain' workshop and a team afternoon. We will also be walking the golden mile each day.

Our science topic this half term is electricity – which will see the children making circuits, diagnosing problems with circuits and honing their scientific fair-testing skills.

Literacy - Genre ~ Classic Fiction/ sci-fi

Our initial unit of work this half term is based on The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. In our reading, we will be focusing on inference skills – what do speech and actions tell us about a character's personality? In addition, exploring the use of language for effect. In our writing, we will be choosing whether to write an alternative story opening, or a letter to the Iron Man.

Maths – Multiplication

This week we will be exploring multiplication and understanding the concept as a number of groups, in addition to exploring the effect of multiplying by 10 and 100. Work planned includes a number of mastery tasks.

Home learning

Literacy

Each week the children will have spellings to learn. These will be handed out on a Friday and tested the following week – generally Thursday, but depending on other events in any given week.

Reading

Please ensure that your child reads on a daily basis, for at least 15 minutes. Their reading book and reading journal (to record their reading) should travel to and from home/ school each day.

Maths

MyMaths – new home learning should appear each week.

Mental Maths Target for the term – times tables. Again, we will use an Olympic challenge approach so the children progress through different levels as they grow more confident. The National Curriculum sets the expectation that all children should be fluent with tables to 12x12 by the end of Y4. Please check with your child which stage they are on and support them with practice at home -speedy and accurate recall of x-tables will greatly support your child with our work on written multiplication and division later this half term.

Kind regards, Sarah Pooley