St Mark's CE Primary School

Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn 2

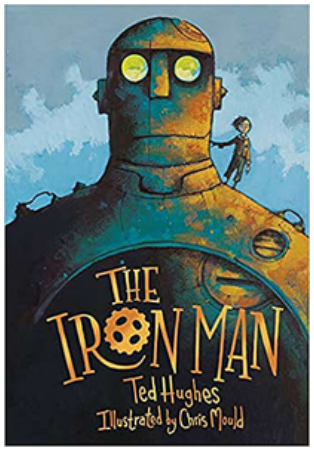
This half term, our Geography question is: 'What is the water cycle and why is it important?'. We will explore how the water cycle connects to climate and weather, and how natural resources are used in physical processes and rivers. By the end of this half term, children will have had the opportunity to investigate physical processes and hold debates concerning the water cycle.

ENGLISH

In English this half term, we will be reading The Iron Man by Ted Hughes.

This book is a narrative text about a young boy and his friend, a mysterious, iron giant.

We will continue to explore how to write and structure effective narrative texts, building on their previously taught writing skills. This will include the use of conjunctions to express time, place and cause, descriptive language, and punctuation for speech. As the unit progresses, we will plan and write different fictional texts that fit within the story, which will be edited and improved through redrafts. By the end of this half term, children will have produced well-structured and imaginative narrative texts with a dialogue focus, inspired by The Iron Man.



MATHS



In Maths this half term, children will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of place value, focusing on 3-digit numbers, with a greater focus on multiplication and division. As the term progresses, they will move on to understanding measurement in length. Key Year 2 skills will also be revisited throughout.

Regular practice of the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables, along with related division facts, is essential. Children are encouraged to use Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) each evening. Please contact the class teacher for login details.

READING

Thank you to all the parents and carers who support their children in their reading. There has been a tremendous improvement in Guided Reading sessions, and we are seeing a lot of confident readers completing their Accelerated Readers quizzes every day. Please continue listening to your child read at home.



Please check ClassDojo regularly for news, events, reminders and information. Turn on your app notifications so you don't miss out!

SCIENCE

In Science this half term, we will be looking at Animals including Humans. We will develop our learning further by looking at the research question: 'How do our skeletons and muscles work together to help us move?'.

Throughout the unit, the children will work scientifically by setting up practical enquiries. By the end of the unit, the children will know the functions of the skeleton and understand how to make healthy choices.





PE

P.E. lessons for 3C will take place on **Wednesday**.
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All earrings must be removed at home on this day.

This half term, children will be focusing on developing their dancing skills. They will practice basic key skills such as counting and rhythm. By the end of the unit, they will be able to create dances in relation to an idea, using the newly taught skills of canon, unison, formation and levels. They will then be able to perform these in front of others with confidence.