

## English

This term we will be reading *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. We will be writing for a range of purposes including writing our own stories, letters, newspaper reports and diary entries. We will be focussing on evaluating and editing our own work, looking at where we can improve our vocabulary and sentence structure. We will teach our grammar objectives through texts where appropriate and will be focussing on the present perfect tense, using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express cause and time and using possessive apostrophe in some plurals.

Children will continue to have a weekly spelling test that will include words from the year 3/4 spelling list, topic words and words from the Read Write Inc spelling programme. You may notice that some of the spellings children bring home they have had previously however it is important to revisit the spelling rules taught to ensure children have a secure understanding and are applying their knowledge when writing at length.

### **Reading:**

Children will take part in guided reading activities every morning. We will be placing a lot of focus on developing children's comprehension skills. Please ensure that you are reading with your child regularly at home and signing their reading record when you have done so. We do not expect children to be reading books in one night. The books children are bringing home are much longer and require more than a night of reading for children to really understand what they have read.

## Maths

Children will continue to do their 'Times Table Rockstars' every morning in our Maths lessons. We will be focussing on 4s and 8s this half term. It is important for children to be practising these tables as well as 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s at home. If you haven't done so already, please log in to your child's Times Table Rockstars account, this is a fun way for children to be learning their tables. The log in can be found in the front of the children's homework diaries.

### **Statistics**

Interpret and present data using bar charts, pictograms and tables.

Solve one-step and two-step questions [for example, 'How many more?' and 'How many fewer?'] using information presented in scaled bar charts and pictograms and tables.

### **Money**

Add and subtract amounts of money to give change, using both £ and p in practical contexts.

### **Time**

Tell and write the time from an analogue clock, including using Roman numerals from I to XII, and 12-hour and 24-hour clocks.

Estimate and read time with increasing accuracy to the nearest minute.

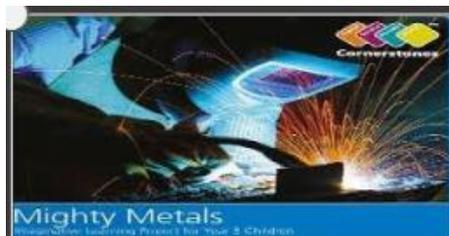
Record and compare time in terms of seconds, minutes and hours.

Use vocabulary such as o'clock, a.m./p.m., morning, afternoon, noon and midnight.

Know the number of seconds in a minute and the number of days in each month, year and leap year.

Compare durations of events [for example to calculate the time taken by particular events or tasks.

## **Year 3 Summer Term 1 Mighty Metals.**



Mighty metals are everywhere! From earrings to rockets, metals have shaped the world we live in today. This half term, we're going to become fantastic physicists, exploring the world of forces, metals and materials. On the playground, we'll explore the forces that we use when we are playing and we will investigate the different forces that are around us every day. We'll look closely at levers and explore how they help us to lift heavy objects. To learn more about forces, we'll make spinners, play with parachutes and make magnetic games. We'll also investigate iron, think about why some metals rust and discover the properties of different metals.

## **R.E**

The summer term is a very important term for Year 3 as they continue to prepare for and then receive their First Holy Communion. Children will continue their preparation for this special occasion with Mrs James every Friday. It is very important that children have their First Holy Communion folders in school every week.

Within our R.E lessons we will be focussing on:

Unit I - Easter

First Holy Communion preparation

## **P.E and Games**

This term our games lessons will be replaced by swimming on a Wednesday afternoon. Children will need to have their swimming kit, which should include a red swimming hat in school every Wednesday.

Children will continue to take part in P.E lessons on Friday and should ensure that their P.E kit is left in school until half term and then returned to school for the first week after the holiday. Children will need trainers in their P.E kit and it is likely that as the weather improves P.E lessons will be outside.