

Year 4—Spring 2 Term Newsletter

Must bring to school every day:

- Reading folder
- Reading record book
- School bag
- Water bottle

Topic Robots!

Traits

Zest, Communication, Humility, Celebrating Differences, Perseverance and Creativity.

Homework

- Reading—(10 minutes each day and write at least two entries in the diary each week—one from an adult)
- Times table Rockstars and/or Numbots
- Spellings—10 each week
- Spell Zone (additional spelling)



Important dates

- Thursday 4th March—World Book Day
- Monday 17th March—Book Fair
- Friday 21st March —Red Nose Day
- Tuesday 25th March—Lambeth Music Festival
- Wednesday 26th March- Maths Bee and Maths Morning
- Monday 31st March - Make Music Day
- Friday 4th April—1pm finish for all

Personally, Social, Character Development

This term there will be a big emphasis on children using their 'questioning' and 'making links' muscles as well as their 'revising' and 'imagination' muscles. As always, we will encourage them to develop all of their learning muscles throughout our topic.

Weekly circle time sessions will reflect appropriate PSCD targets and Zones of Regulation strategies. Zest, Communication, Humility, Celebrating Differences, Perseverance and Creativity are our focus PSCD traits this term.

History, Geography & Social Understanding

The primary focus this term will be on geography: Our Changing World. We will learn about changes that have happened to the planet over time and changes that are predicted to happen by 2050. We will develop our understanding of weather and erosion and the impact of human activity on our world. In Spanish, we will be learning about the United Kingdom in Spanish and how to talk, read and write about where we live in Spanish.

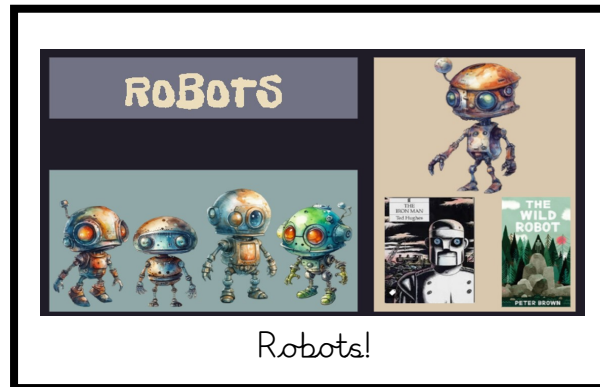
Science and Technological Understanding

This half term we will be exploring electrical circuits, learning how circuits work and learning how to make a circuit. We will be able to create different kinds of circuits for different purposes and will even learn the symbols to represent each part of the circuit.

We will be learning all about the inventor, 'Lewis Howard Latimer'!

Understanding the Arts

During this term, as part of Design and Technology, children will be designing and building their own robots and adding a light up feature linked to our science learning of circuits.



Computing

In our computing lessons, we're using an online program called Scratch, a programming tool that helps us understand repetition in games. Children will learn how to write and debug algorithms, which are step-by-step instructions for solving problems. By the end of the unit, they'll design and create their own game.

Understanding English, Communication & Language

As mentioned above, our new topic is Robots which links to our Literacy and Science Curriculum. We will be reading 'The Tin Forest', 'The Dark' and 'The Iron Man'. We will be exploring The Iron Man for the first half of the term, developing our suspense narrative. 'The Dark' introduces the idea of electricity and light and will be a great introduction to our Science this term of light and electricity.

'The Tin Forest' focuses on building out of recycled metal. During this time, the children will explore the setting using artwork and descriptive writing.

Mathematical Understanding

This term we will be focusing on fractions and decimals. We'll learn how to convert mixed numbers to improper fractions and understand equivalent fractions. Additionally, we'll explore how to add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers, building a strong foundation in these fundamental mathematical concepts.

We will be thinking about ordering and comparing using tenths and hundredths.

We will also continue to practice our times tables each day.

Understanding Physical Health

P.E will continue to take place on a Tuesday and Thursday this term. Our focus will be on invasion games and multi-skills, which will include developing different types of throws, working as a team, and learning the basic skills needed for a number of different team sports.