



Christmas Greetings



Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and
Dear Parent/Carer, shall call his name Immanuel.

Happy Christmas and a happy New Year! Thank you all so much for your support and encouragement over the past term. Your children have worked so hard and have done so well!

Our main focus for the next half term is exploring the Ted Hughes story The Iron Man. The rest of our learning will link to The Iron Man in some way.

PE lessons this half term will be on indoor P.E. on **Wednesday and Thursday/Friday**. We will also be going **swimming everyday for two weeks from the 10th of January**. Please make sure your child has an appropriate swimming costume (more information below).

Spelling tests will continue to be every **Thursday**- please remember your books! We will also continue to change books around once a week, please make sure your child is reading everyday. Also, please make sure your children read over the Christmas holidays. Thank you to all who took part in the Times Tables Rockstars Challenge. We will be starting with number bonds to 13 and the 8 times tables. TTRS and Numbots is a great way to practice these!

Also please save your cardboard boxes/ tubes for some exciting junk modelling on the **FIRST** day back!
We hope you have a lovely Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2021!

Best wishes,
Miss Lennard and Mrs Gale

Our main theme for this half term is:

TED Hughes' The Iron Man!

Literacy

We will be exploring and then writing our own stories based on the story *The Iron Man*.

In addition to our Defeating the Monster stories we will be writing we will be exploring and performing a variety of poetry.

Maths:

In maths we will be working on multiplication and division, using mental and formal methods.

Please make sure you are regularly practising your times tables: the aim is to be confident in using 3,4 and 8 (as well as 2,5,10) times tables, including division facts!

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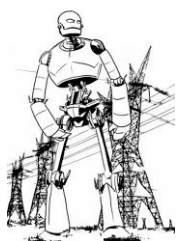
We will be exploring the beliefs of Buddhism.

Design and Technology

We will be designing and creating our very own robots based on the character in the Iron Man. We will also explore metal magnetic junk modelling.

Art

We will be looking at sculpture and linking it closely with our DT.



Science

We will continue our work on forces, including investigating the behaviour of magnets.



P.E. Swimming:



Children will need a swimming kit every day for two weeks. For girls, this should be a one piece swimming costume (no bikinis please). For boys, this should be trunks or swimming shorts. Children are allowed to wear goggles or swimming hats if necessary. Please only send necessary creams. Please do not send any aerosols with the children

Dance

PE will be indoors on Wednesdays and Thursdays/Friday. Children will need full P.E. kit: red shorts or grey tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt. Please continue to wear trainers on PE days

Music



We will be exploring how music can be used to describe images and sounds.

Geography

We will be learning about to topographical features including the counties and cities of the UK.

PSHE

We will talking about the importance of communication, and how we communicate.

ICT

We will be using Espresso Coding to continue learning about coding!

