



<u>Year 4 Homework Letter - Friday 21st April 2023</u>

Our Learning This Week English

In English, the children have started a new topic using the story 'Iron Man' by Ted Hughes as the stimulus for our learning. We started the week by using modal verbs to ask investigative questions after discovering a crime scene of dislocated parts of the Iron Man! We then went on to write factual sentences using formal language based on what we had discovered. The children wrote a character description of the Iron Man using expanded noun phrases and similes. The children then wrote a short newspaper report using reported speech accurately with inverted commas. We ended the week by writing a letter to the character Hogarth giving him advice on how to manage the Iron Man's arrival using modal verbs. It would be helpful if your child had their own copy of this book and this can currently be purchased from Amazon for £5.99.

Maths

This week we have started our new topic on Decimals. The children have explored different ways of making 1 whole by combining tenths from hundredths. We then partitioned numbers with up to 2 decimal places into their place value parts and then carried on partitioning numbers with decimals up to 2 decimal places which was then extended to include flexible partitioning. The children ended the week by comparing decimal numbers with up to 2 decimal places. It was important for the children to consider the values of the digits in place value order, comparing digits in the greatest place value column first.

<u>Multiplication Tables Check</u>

The check will take place between 5th and 16th June. The children will be required to answer 25 questions from all of times tables up to 12, being given 6 seconds per question with a 3 second pause between each one. The checks will be performed on the i-pads in small groups in a quite space in the school. In class, we practise our times tables after lunch every day. The children have been using a program on Purple Mash which is similar to the one they will use for the check so is an excellent way for them to develop their confidence and speed in their calculations. The children have their login details for Purple Mash in the front cover of their reading journal and should know how to access the program and customise it to reflect what we do in class. It would be greatly appreciated if you could encourage your child to practise their times tables at home in preparation for the check in June.

<u>Homework</u>

The English activities are to learn Week 1 spellings and complete the activity on personification. For Maths the children must practise all of their times tables and complete the decimal activity.

Dates for your Diary

St. George's day - red shirt (23rd April)
Monday 24th April
Bank holiday for King's Coronation Monday 8th May
Wellbeing Wednesday - 10th May (P.E kit)
Mufti Day for bottles for the Summer
Garden Party - Friday 26th May
INSET Day - Monday 5th June
INSET Day - Tuesday 6th June