

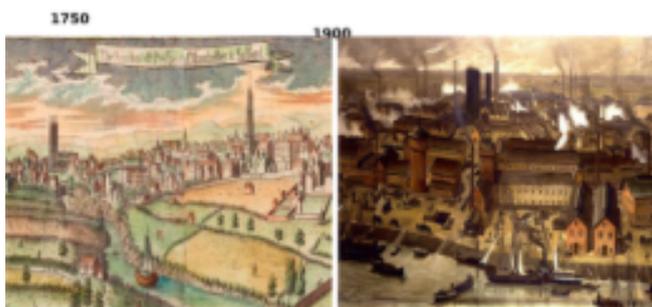
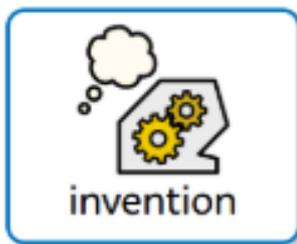


Year 4 Hummingbirds Spring 2 Newsletter

Welcome back to Spring 2!

We hope you have had a wonderful break and are ready for an action-packed half term!

Our learning this term will be centered around **machines and inventions**



Key dates for your diary:

Thursday 26th February Apollo Music in Years 4 and 5

Week 2nd March DT week

Thursday 5th March World Book Day dress up and read together

Friday 6th March Year 4 class sharing assembly 3:10pm

Tuesday 10th March Parent's Evening, 3.30-5.30pm

Week 9th March Science Week

Thursday 12th March Parent's Evening, 4-6pm

Friday 13th March 11.15 Assembly science sharing songs

Tuesday 17th March St Patrick's Day - wear green

Friday 19th March Red Nose Day, wear red and donate £1

Tuesday 24th March Year 4 and 5 Apollo concert

Wednesday 25th March Year 4 trip to the Brunel Museum

Friday 27th March Parents in Class share pop up books
1.30pm

Friday 27th March 2pm finish for Nursery to Year 6

2-4pm FRoG's - Easter Egg Hunt

Trips and Visits

This term we are going to attend the Brunel museum and Hackney Empire to enjoy 2 concerts. We are also going to get the opportunity to learn some ice hocke

Wednesday 25th March Year 4 trip to the Brunel Museum

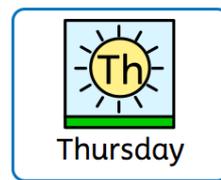
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Tuesday 17th March Hackney on Ice

PE Kits

Class PE Day: **Thursday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing the correct PE kit on **Thursdays**.



Reading

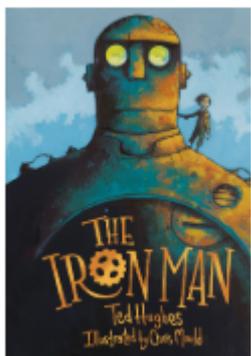
This half term we will be reading 'Iron Man' by Ted Hughes as our class reader. We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main events from what we have read and completing summaries in our reading logs. It is a book full of suspense and mystery that keeps the children on their toes!

Our reading lessons will focus on a range of reading skills including:

- Finding information in the text
- Understanding new vocabulary in context and considering why an author uses these words
- Using clues from the text to work out the feelings of characters
- Making predictions about what will happen next

To support your child at home, please read with them every day. Children can also access Reading Plus at home using the link below:

<https://student.readingplus.com/seereader/api/sec/>



Maths

Writing

Our writing units this half term will be based around our topic and class reader book 'The Iron man'. Using this text, the children will write a detailed description of the Iron Man using figurative language. They will then write a detailed character description of the Space-Bat-Angel-Dragon character from the text. Both descriptive pieces will focus on using expanded noun phrases, similes and apostrophes for possession. For example:

The monster's vast wings flap as quick as a flash.

We will then use our learning from our topic to write a new opening of the Iron Man text. In this piece, the children will use onomatopoeia, emotion, word sentences and short sentences for impact. For example:

Scared, he crashed and tumbled to the top of the hill.

Please support your child's spelling at home by encouraging them to learn their weekly spellings and complete spelling activities on Spellzone using the link below:

<https://www.spellzone.com/>

Their username and password can be found on the inside cover of their homework book.

Science

<p>In Maths this half term, we will be covering:</p> <p>Fractions - Writing and simplifying mixed numbers, finding equivalent fractions, simplifying improper fractions. We will also be learning how to add and subtract fractions.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhdwxnb</p> <p>Time - Telling the time on a 24hr clock, converting between hours to minutes and minutes to seconds, converting weeks to years to months and weeks to days, solving word problems.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkfyedm</p> <p>Graphs - Learning how to draw and read pictograms, bar graphs and line graphs</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z7rcwmn</p>	<p>Our Science topic this half term will be Electricity.' We will explore how electricity works and what it is. We will also learn about circuits and what elements are needed to complete a circuit.</p> <p>We will develop our scientific skills by building our own circuits using bulbs and buzzers. We will also work together to solve why some circuits are not working and what we can do to make them work.</p> <p>The links below provide some useful information about the forces we will be studying:</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zj44jxs</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zgw7vj6/watch/zwkrm bk</p>
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History and Geography	Campaign
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<p>In History, we will be learning about Inventions. We will focus on the invention of the light bulb and the telephone. The children will be thinking about how the inventors thought of their inventions and why. This will involve us learning about what life was like pre and post the Industrial Revolution in Britain. We will learn about how work, transport, health and medicine change during this time period and what new inventions came about.</p> <div data-bbox="252 1568 531 1736" data-label="Image"> </div>	<p>Our class campaign this term is linked to 'Keep Giving.' We will be learning about the global water crisis and how many communities around the world do not have access to clean water. We will participate in WaterAid's Pipeline Challenge and share our learning of how WaterAid helps to provide clean water to all and spread awareness of the importance of good hygiene.</p> <div data-bbox="778 1489 1212 1630" data-label="Image"> </div>
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ICT	<p>Data and information:</p> <p>Our topic this half term is 'Data and Information.' We will consider how and why data is collected over time. We will collect data and spend time using a computer to review and analyse data.</p>
PSHE	<p>Healthy Me</p> <p>During this topic, the children will think about and discuss the different ways we can be healthy. They will learn and talk about the ways we can make healthy relationships, as well as the things we can do to be physically healthy such as eating fruit and vegetables and the dangers of smoking and alcohol.</p>

RE	<p>Christianity</p> <p>Our focus in religion this half term is Christianity. Our key question is 'Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?'</p>
PE	<p>PE lessons this half term will focus on football, gymnastics and hockey.</p> <p>Class PE Day: Thursday</p>
Music	<p>Ukele</p> <p>The children will be learning how to play the ukulele. They will also be taking part in an Apollo music workshop.</p>
Art	<p>Drawing</p> <p>This half term in Art, the topic will be 'Simple Machines, Complex Brains'.</p>
DT	<p>Mechanisms</p> <p>This half term in DT, we will be focusing on making mechanisms to create a moving storybook based on our topic. We will be learning how to make levers and pulleys to use in our books.</p>
<p>Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and we look forward to working with you all.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Visit our website for dates, news and other information</u></p>	