



Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a lovely relaxing summer holiday. It has been great welcoming back pupils, everyone has settled well into P4.

We have lots of exciting things happening in Primary 4 this term. Pupils are very excited about swimming which started on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August. Pupils had a chance to meet their new swimming instructors and take part in different swimming techniques.

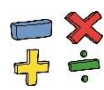


In class this term our health and wellbeing will focus on building positive mindsets within the classroom, discussing the importance of our school values and developing our metalinguistic skills of collaboration and communication.

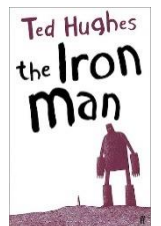
In social subjects we will be learning about The Vikings and pupils have recorded the questions they would like answered. Pupils want to learn about where the Vikings came from, what they wore, what they would eat, what weapons they carried and where they travelled to. This will form the beginning of our topic and pupils will share their learning using digital technology.

In art this term we will be exploring paint mixing creating tones and shades. We will also be exploring the use of collage materials to create long boats and shields linking with our Viking topic.



 In maths we have been revising adding and subtracting of numbers up to and beyond 1000. Pupils have been exploring the benefits of using the concrete materials including place value counters and arrow cards to help with partitioning of numbers and the understanding of our number system. This term we will be rounding 3-digit numbers to the nearest 10 and 100 and we will use this strategy to learn how to estimate answers to addition and subtraction calculations. Pupils will also explore 3D shapes identifying their properties.

In literacy we are reading the class novel *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes and will be using a variety of reading strategies like prior knowledge, predictions, metalinguistics, visualisers, key points, summaries and inference to help us develop our reading skills. Comprehension skills will continue to be developed using the class novel and individual group reading books from Project X and Story Street.



In writing pupils will be developing their use of descriptive vocabulary to create a character description using Talk for Writing strategies. Pupils will revise the use of adjectives to help provide more detail in their writing and similes will be introduced.



P.E will be on a Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon. Please ensure your child has brought in a bag with a change of clothes and gym shoes which can be worn in the gym hall. This term we will be focusing on Games and Athletics.

*Miss McKenzie*