



Weekly Curriculum News

! INFORMATION & REMINDERS

Thank you to everyone who came to our Academic Review Evenings. If you were unable to attend, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher to arrange an appointment.

Don't forget Maths and English homework is due in on Monday!

Please continue to read at home with your child and remember to sign their Learning Journals.

Don't forget to check Class Dojo to see how many House Points your child has been collecting!

Please remember to label ALL of your child's school uniform/PE kit.

Assessment Workshops for Parents: Tuesday 17th November; 9am to 11am and then repeated from 5pm to 7pm.



ENGLISH

Next week in English we will be developing our storytelling techniques. We will be using 'Talk for Writing' (<http://www.talk4writing.co.uk/about/>) to teach the children how to tell the story of the The Iron Man through actions and dialogue. The children will learn, by heart, a simplified version of the story and be able to retell it with picture prompts. From this, we will begin to plan and write our own versions of the story. Our Guided Reading focus for the week will be to show our understanding of a text by asking and answering questions based on the books we have read.



MATHEMATICS

Our Maths focus for the week ahead is division. We will be recalling and using division facts for the 3 and 4 times tables, before progressing to writing and calculating mathematical statements for division using multiplication tables the children already know. To apply our understanding of division, we will also be learning how to solve problems including 'missing number' problems, as well as learning more formal written methods for division (using arrays and 'bus stop' short division). To end the week, we will be applying all that we have learned to solving word problems related to division.



TOPIC

As Scientists, we will be investigating materials we find at home and around the school and sorting them into two groups: natural and man-made. We will be learning about man-made materials as inventions and finding out more information about how and why they were made, as well as identifying how we use them in day to day life. We will then investigate the properties of the materials, including: their strength, flexibility, hardness, whether or not they are waterproof or magnetic. The children will be encouraged to think of their own ways that they could investigate these properties.

As Artists, we will begin a study of materials and techniques we can use for different effects. We will look at some examples of animation using 'Wallace and Gromit - Cracking Ideas' and designing our own weird and wacky machine in the style of Wallace - one of the main characters.