



Sky, Royal and Ocean

A message from the class team

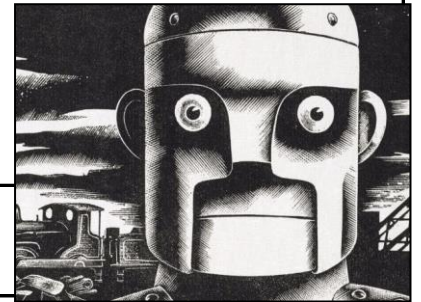
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after a relaxing winter break. This half-term is stuffed, as ever, with learning. Excitingly, we are heading back in time to explore the rise of the machine age, focusing particularly on the classic story of the Iron Man.

Here in Year 4, we are encouraging the joy of reading, so please ensure to listen to your child read daily, making sure to sign off their reading records. We are also encouraging a daily practice of the multiplication tables as this will benefit your child in their Maths learning. If you have any queries, then please see one of us either in the morning or after school.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Begum, Mrs Boyle and Mr Smith



Our topic this term – Rise of the Machines

In **English**, we will be rediscovering the story of the original Iron Man reading the story of the same title. By the end of our writing unit, we will have created our diary entry from the point of view of the protagonist, Hogarth, and how he goes on this journey of discovery.

In **Maths**, we will review our place value knowledge making sure we can apply this in our addition and subtraction skills. We will then be looking at statistics and measurement and finally focus on the measurements of length, mass, volume and capacity.

In **Science**, we will learn about what electricity is and how it was discovered. The pupils will identify which appliances use electricity in their homes and how to keep themselves safe. Throughout this unit, the pupils will create several circuits exploring the use of switches and materials that insulate and conduct electricity.

In **P4C**, we will focus on the text 'Dear Greenpeace' discussing the current state of the world in relation to endangered animals.

In **PE** will be working on our team skills through the sport of Netball.

In **RE**, we will exploring the question 'Why do some people think life is a journey?' and consider this topic through its links with Christianity, Judaism and Hinduism.

In **D&T**, we will link our learning with Science where the pupils will construct circuits and conduct investigations into how easily different types of switches can break and reconnect a circuit. They will use their accumulated knowledge to create a real life Iron Man!

In **French**, we will learn to talk about different clothing items, describing their colour and consider who is wearing each item.

In **Computing**, we will be creating and programming our own robot arm, using Lego to support this learning point.

Teacher Timetable

Ms Begum (4 Ocean) will be out of class on Tuesday afternoon. On the afternoon she is not in class, she will be covered by Mr Jose and Ms Duggan.

Miss Boyle (4 Royal) will be out of class on Tuesday morning. On the morning she is not in class, she will be covered by Mr Jose and Ms Duggan.

Mr Smith (4 Sky) will be out of class Tuesday afternoon. On the afternoon he is not in class, he will be covered by Mr Jose and Ms Duggan.

Key dates for this half term



Friday 1st February - Number Day

Wednesday 6th February - Science Museum
Trip

Friday 15th February - Last day of Spring 1 term

P.E. times

Sky - Tuesday morning

Royal - Tuesday afternoon

Ocean - Tuesday afternoon

Please remember to bring your PE kit:

a team colour t-shirt,
shorts or tracksuit bottoms,
trainers or plimsolls.

Home Learning and ways to help your child at home



We will be giving home learning on Fridays. Please encourage your child to complete it independently and return it on the following Wednesday.

- Every child **MUST** be reading at home EVERY night and the reading record must be signed by parent or carer.
- Every child **MUST** bring a book bag as it is part of their uniform and they are required to take books to read at home every night. *These books must be returned to the school once they have been read.*
- Please help your child to practise learning number bonds to 20.
- Please talk to your child about their learning. At times we will be sending a project home for your child to complete. It would be great if you could work alongside your child. to complete these projects.

Getting in touch

Should you have any queries regarding your child, members of staff from our class are usually available in the playground at the end of each school day. Alternatively, you can speak to one of our Assistant Heads or our Deputy Head teacher.

