

SHERWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 3 AUTUMN 2 NEWSLETTER



THIS HALF TERM WE ARE READING

The Iron Man by Ted Hughes



KEY VOCABULARY

suburb	An outlying district of a city, especially a residential one.
county	A territorial division of some Countries.
settlement	A place, typically one that has been uninhabited, where people establish a community
river course river estuary river sources	course - direction a river takes from the source to the sea. estuary – where the river meets the sea. Source – where a river begins
pneumatic	A mechanism that runs on air or compressed gas.
magnet	A piece of iron or steel that can attract certain materials.
attract	Pull towards.
repel	To force back or away.

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We have all settled into the new school year and we are very proud of how the children have adjusted to life in the juniors. Here are the topics we will be covering this half term:

Science- forces and magnets
 Geography – The local area- Preston Docks
 PE – Tag and Target and The Iron Man dance
 RE – Christianity - Christmas
 Computing – Garage band
 PSHE – What can we do about Bullying?
 Music – Glockenspiels
 DT – Mechanism- Pneumatic systems
 Art – Drawing
 Forest school – look out for further details

KEY KNOWLEDGE

This half term, in science we will be learning about forces and magnets. This includes looking at different types of forces and investigating what happens if there is more friction. We will also be investigating magnets and their strength. We always encourage the children to focus on correct use of scientific vocabulary when explaining scientific concepts.

Our Geography lessons will focus our local area, extending our knowledge to cover Preston as a city with a focus on Preston Docks.

In our RE lessons we are learning about the meaning of Christmas for Christians and comparing this with what it means to us.

D&T day will take place on Friday 24th November. Your child will need to collect some items such as a cube shaped box (a cube shaped tissue box would be ideal) and some cardboard (cereal boxes) to make their own pneumatic system. (Further details on the homework sheet)

SPELLING FOCUS

Spelling rule	Examples
Prefixes 'mis-' and 're-'	retry replay misbehave misread
The /i/ sound spelt /y/	pyramid mystery gym
Homophones	eight/ate reign/rain
Words ending with the /g/ sound spelt /gue/	fatigue catalogue
Words ending with the /k/ sound spelt /que/	antique unique

KEY MATHS SKILLS

- Counting, sequences
- Multiplication and division
- Time
- 3D shape

Please continue to use the top marks website and work on multiplication tables and related facts at home as well as doing practical activities with your child. We will be using multiplication facts when working on multiplication and division, so it would be useful to keep working on these using games and websites such as 'Top Marks'. Please ask if you need further guidance.