

# SHERWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## YEAR 3 AUTUMN 2 NEWSLETTER



### THIS HALF TERM WE ARE READING

The Iron Man by Ted Hughes



### KEY VOCABULARY

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

### AUTUMN 2, 2024

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 –Gymnastics and The Iron Man dance  
 RE – Hinduism Dharma  
 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 why family is an important part of Hindu life.

D&T day will take place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 to follow on the homework sheet)

### SPELLING FOCUS

Spelling rule	Examples
Use the first two letters of a word to check its spelling and meaning in a dictionary.	
Homophones	meet/meat, plain/plane, here/hear, made/maid, through/threw
Add -es to nouns ending in -y	strawberry - strawberries
Identify and spell irregular plurals	potato, potatoes
Add the suffix -ous	poisonous, enormous, adventurous
Spell words with the ending sounding like /tʃə/ spelt -ture	picture, nature
Use the possessive apostrophe (singular)	Mr Wordsworth's notebook

### KEY MATHS SKILLS

- Multiplication 3x and 4x tables
- Multiplication
- 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.