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Year 4 Newsletter



Birley Primary Academy
A L.E.A.D. Academy

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you into Y4 and inform you about the exciting year ahead. The teachers working in Y4 will be Miss Smith, Mr Cosgrove and Mr Smith. We are fortunate to have Mrs Garrity, Mrs Hopkinson, Mrs Ashforth and Mrs Bloomer supporting our year group as well.

Welcome to Y4!

We continue to follow a topic based curriculum which will hopefully inspire lots of discussion at home. Our first topic is called 'The Iron Man' which is based on the Ted Hughes' book. Electricity will be the focus of our Science learning.

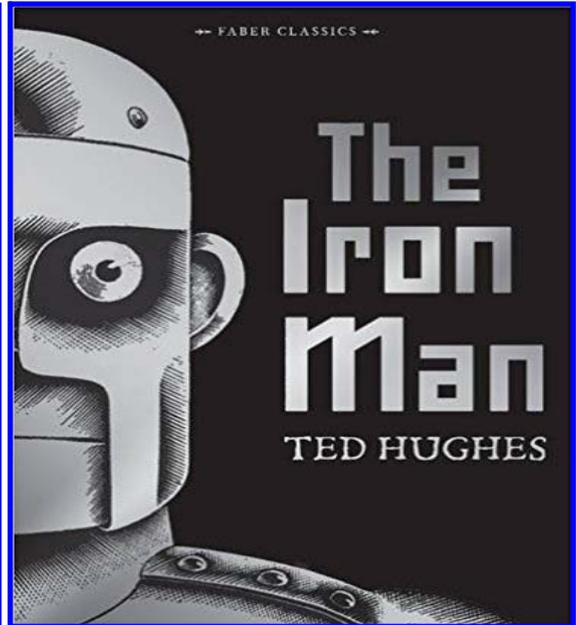
We have three 'Learning Questions' which we hope to be able to answer by the end of our learning:

What is electricity?

Are robots intelligent?

Are there any robots in Sheffield?

Over the summer holidays, why not begin to look at these questions and do a little research so that you are well prepared for our topic learning in September. There are many useful websites on the internet that will help you with this.



What do children need everyday?

☺ Indoor P.E. kit (plimsolls, shorts and house team t-shirt) and Outdoor P.E. kit (tracksuit bottoms, sweatshirt and trainers) to be in school from Monday to Friday. Children with their ears pierced must remove their own earrings before taking part in P.E. (staff members cannot assist with this), also children with long hair must have a hair bobble to tie it up.

Our P.E. days are **Monday** and **Tuesday**.

☺ Book bag with reading book and journal

☺ Drinks bottle with water

☺ Coat

Please do not send your children to school with a rucksack or pencil case.

Swimming

From **February**, each class will attend swimming lessons once a week at Springs Academy Swimming Pool. This is part of the National Curriculum and **is not optional**. On the relevant day, children must come dressed in their school uniforms as usual. They will need to bring a bag with a towel and their swimming costume. Girls must bring a one piece swimming suit (no bikinis) and boys' swimming shorts must be above the knee. No goggles, nose clips or ear plugs please. Earrings must be removed before entering the pool. More information will follow after Christmas time.

Home Learning

We ask you to continue reading with your child regularly by asking them questions about what they are reading. This is key in helping children to progress with their reading skills. Children will receive home learning every Friday which will be due in the following Thursday so that it can be marked. Children will also be sent home with key spellings on a Monday for a test the following Friday.

Finally

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any further questions about what happens in Y4 or your child's progress (the best time to catch us is after school). Have a great summer and we are looking forward to seeing you all in September!

Best Wishes,
The Year 4 Team