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Dear Parents and Carers,

After a very long hardworking first term with books bursting with work and many children already moving onto a second book particularly in mathematics, we look forward to another equally busy Term 2. The quality and standard of the children's work is truly impressive. Our topic this term is 'Robots' and this will link closely with the work that we do in English as well as Science and Computing.

Attached to this letter is a skeleton outline plan of this topic. As it is a plan it is subject to change with areas of learning being added or adapted.



As mentioned, our English work will link closely with our topic for this term where we will analyse the writing of Ted Hughes in his book 'The Iron Man' and will use this as a basis for our own writing when we write a sequel. We will then use his poem 'The Iron Wolf' as stimulus for our own poetry writing and will finish the term with a non-fiction unit on news reports where we will be writing and recording our own newspaper and television reports about events that happened in the story. As well as this, we will fit in some instruction writing to build and operate a robot, scientific report writing, letters and diary entries.

Our Science topic for this term is 'Forces and Magnets'. During this topic we will identify pushes and pulls as forces and explore how things move on different surfaces. We will then find out about attraction and repulsion by magnetic forces and which materials are magnetic. Finally we will look at compasses and uses of magnets and carry out some enquiries using magnets.

Within our Computing sessions, we will use the new 'Lego We Do' sets to construct models and then bring them to life by programming an algorithm into the computer. We will explore basic programming further when we use the program 'Scratch' by simple coding to create computer games.

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In Physical Education (PE) this term we will be working on developing our skills of balance and coordination and in Dance we will be refining our movements and linking them to create sequences in time with the music. Our PE days for Term 2 will be Monday and Wednesday and children will require their full PE kit on these days. However it is important that children have their kit in school every day as we may do PE at different times. We will continue swimming on a Friday. A letter outlining the dates for this term was sent home at the beginning of Term 1.

Homework will be issued on a Friday and will need to be returned on the following Wednesday. It is important to note the huge benefit of children reading for at least 5 to 10 minutes every night on their development. It is useful if either an adult or the child themselves make a brief comment about their reading. We will continue the times table challenge therefore regular practice of their times tables will also support the children's learning. Children should bring their reading book and journal every day as we like to hear them read as much as possible.

It is important that children drink plenty of water throughout the day so please ensure that your children bring a water bottle.

We are well stocked with stationary in school therefore it is not necessary for children to bring in a pencil case. Children are also asked not to bring toys into school.

It is beginning to become quite cold and therefore it is important that children keep warm and dry during playtimes. Because of this it is important that children wear a jumper and bring a coat to school every day. To make it easier to return any lost items of clothing, please ensure that all items brought into school are labelled.

You are welcome to speak to me at the end of the day, if you would like an informal chat or to see some of the work that your child has been doing. If you would like to meet with me for a more formal chat about your child, you can contact me after school in the playground or via the office and we can arrange a meeting.

I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible during the Parents' Evenings on Tuesday the 20th and Wednesday 21st November. If you are unable to make either of these dates please let myself or the office know and we can arrange an alternative date.

Yours sincerely



Paul Truan

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