

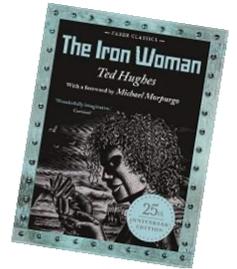


Class 13 Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2019

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

What is Class 13 learning this term?

English: Throughout this term, our English work will be based around our new class novel: **The Iron Woman** by Ted Hughes. As always, we will have a strong focus on grammar with a particular aim to improve our understanding of formal and informal language and standard English. We will continue to utilise VCOP (**vocabulary**, **conjunctions**, **openers** and **punctuation**) in all our written work in order to improve it. Additionally, we will work hard to develop our understanding of our class novel by completing a range of reading comprehensions and through class reading sessions and discussions. We aim to cover a variety of text types this term including: newspaper articles, play scripts, narratives, non-chronological reports and recounts. There will continue to be a strong emphasis on spelling and handwriting in all written work.



Maths: With SATs approaching, there will be a heavy focus on fractions this term. Children will develop their understanding of how to identify equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. They will also learn how to confidently add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions with different denominators. In addition, we will continue to develop mental strategies to improve problem-solving skills as well as build our skills in other areas of maths including: time, shape, and statistics. As always, we want to encourage all children to practise their **times tables** and other number skills at home; resources to support this or any other area of maths can be sent home if needed.

Science: This term, our Science topic is **Electricity**. The children will learn about key scientists in this field and their inventions. We will investigate circuits and the key components and discover how to create our own that power bulbs, buzzers and motors.



Topic: Our topic this term is **Eco Warriors** - this will be taught through Geography, Art and English. We will discuss how damage is caused to Earth through pollution and research the effects that this has in the long term. Children will use recyclable products to create their own collages and artworks. Additionally, we will discover ways in which to prevent pollution and be kinder to our environment by making better choices.

Class 13 reminders

Spellings: Your child still receives their 2 daily spellings (these are individual to your child's needs) as well as their weekly spellings which are given out on **Mondays** and assessed on **Fridays**. Please support your child in practising and learning their daily and weekly spellings as it does have a notable impact on their written work and progress.

Reading: Please ensure that your child brings their book bag to school every day with their reading book and record. Throughout the week, we listen to children read individually as much as we can and children are given opportunities for independent reading every day so they must have these in school. In order to support your child's reading, please listen to them read as much as possible at home.



P.E: Class 13 still have P.E every **Wednesday** and **Friday**. This term, we are developing our ball skills as well as our team-building, problem-solving and leadership skills. Please ensure that your child has their P.E kit in school on these days.

Please feel free to come and talk to me at the end of the day if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

Miss Watson