



Week beginning: Monday 20th November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I look forward to seeing many of you at parents' evening this week.

Our science topic this half term is electricity – which will see the children making circuits, diagnosing problems with circuits and honing their scientific fair-testing skills.

Literacy - Genre ~ Classic Fiction/ sci-fi and instructions

This week we will be completing the writing of our stories 'The Arrival' (based on the Iron Man). As part of our work on this, we will be thinking about using expanded noun phrases to add dramatic detail and how to end our stories on a cliff-hanger. Later in the week, we will start a unit of work on instructions, based around the text 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth'.

Maths –Multiplication

This week we will be continuing our work on multiplication and understanding the concept as a number of groups. Work planned includes a number of mastery tasks.

Home learning

Literacy

Each week the children will have spellings to learn. These will be handed out on a Friday and tested the following week – generally Thursday, but depending on other events in any given week.

Reading

Please ensure that your child reads on a daily basis, for at least 15 minutes. Their reading book and reading journal (to record their reading) should travel to and from home/ school each day.

Maths

MyMaths – new home learning should appear each week.

Mental Maths Target for the term – times tables. Again, we will use an Olympic challenge approach so the children progress through different levels as they grow more confident. The National Curriculum sets the expectation that all children should be fluent with tables to 12x12 by the end of Y4. Please check with your child which stage they are on and support them with practice at home -speedy and accurate recall of x-tables will greatly support your child with our work on written multiplication and division.

Kind regards,

Sarah Pooley