

Autumn

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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 Mr Cosgrove, Mr Smith and Mr Hulbert. We are fortunate to have Mrs Rice, Mrs Overy, and Mrs Worthy (formerly Mrs East) 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 '**Rise of the Robots**' which will focus on the history of robotics and their development over the years in Autumn 1. In literacy we will begin by focusing on the book '**The Iron Man**' by **Ted Hughes**.

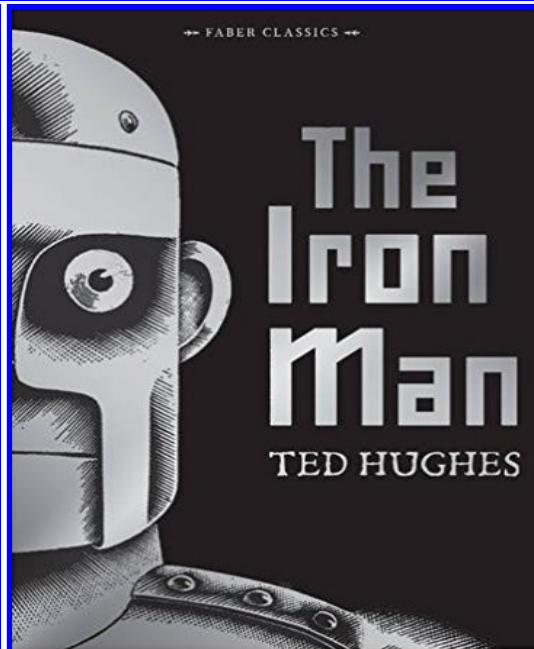
We have three learning questions which we hope to be able to answer by the end of our learning:

What was the first robot?

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 **Tuesday (outdoor)** and **Wednesday (indoor)**.
- Book bag with reading book and journal.
- Drinks bottle with water.
- Coat.

Swimming

This year we plan to begin attending swimming lessons once a week at Springs Academy Swimming Pool. This is part of the National Curriculum and **is not optional**. Children have had a great experience at learning a very important and valuable life skill through fully qualified swimming instructors. Not only do the children learn to or improve upon their swimming but they also learn about water safety and the importance of being aware of the dangers of open water.

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.

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 look forward to seeing you all in September!

Best Wishes,
The Year 4 Team