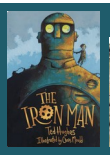


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Our Topic: The Iron Age

Spruce Class | Miss Manyewe





Welcome to Term 2

This term, Spruce Class will travel back in time to the Iron Age. We will discover how people lived, built hillforts, made iron tools and traded with the world beyond Britain. In Science, we will explore forces and magnets.

Iron Age Big Bang

On Thursday 12 November, we will launch our topic with an immersive day, travelling back into the Iron Age.

Trip

We will visit Twydall Library to discover more about our love of books and reading. The date will follow.

Our Learning This Term

English	We will read The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. The children will write a character description of the Iron Man, then a persuasive speech as Hogarth, convincing people that the Iron Man is good. In grammar we will focus on prepositions and possessive apostrophes with plural nouns.
Maths	We will focus on place value, then addition and subtraction with up to three digits, including estimating answers and checking them using the inverse. We will also learn our 4 times table.
Science	Forces and magnets. The children will investigate how things move on different surfaces and which materials are magnetic. They will also explore how magnets attract and repel each other.
History	Our big question is: "How did Iron Age people connect with the world beyond Britain?" The children will learn how people traded goods such as iron and wine with Europe, and how coins and new ideas travelled across the sea.
RE	Our big question is: "Festivals: How do ancient stories influence modern celebrations?" The children will explore festivals celebrated around the world and discover the ancient stories behind them.
PSHE	Our unit is Celebrating Difference. The children will learn about similarities and differences between people, why words matter, and how to include everyone.
DT	Christmas biscuits. The children will design, bake and evaluate their own biscuits, then pack them to give to some special people. The unit finishes with The Spruce Biscuit Workshop on Thursday 17 December.
PE	Indoor, gymnastics, exploring symmetry and asymmetry. Outdoor, tag rugby.
Music	Hear it, Play it. The children will listen closely to different pieces of music and talk about what they hear. They will then play and perform music together using instruments and their voices.
Computing	Emails. The children will learn how to write and send emails safely in Purple Mash.

Homework

Please support your child with the following each week:

- **Times Tables Rock Stars:** daily, online or on a worksheet (3 minutes a day). Our times table focus this term is the 4s.
- **Spelling Shed:** daily, online or on a worksheet.
- **Worksheets:** if your child completes their homework on a worksheet, please bring it in each day to be marked off.
- **Reading:** daily, with reading records signed.
- **Reading comprehension sheet:** completed and returned each week.
- **Rewards:** children will earn 2 Dojos each time their homework is completed.

Key Dates

- **Thu 12 Nov:** Iron Age Big Bang
- **Tue 17 Nov:** Year 3 team cross country
- **Wed 18 and Thu 19 Nov:** Parents evenings
- **Fri 27 Nov:** Tag Day
- **Thu 3 Dec:** Christmas fayre
- **Tue 8 Dec:** KS2 Christmas concert
- **Thu 10 Dec:** Christmas jumper day, Christmas dinner and book fair
- **Fri 11 Dec:** Book fair
- **Tue 15 Dec:** Rocksteady concert, 9am (parents welcome)
- **Thu 17 Dec:** The Spruce Biscuit Workshop. The children will pack and deliver their biscuits, and parents are invited to taste them in the classroom from 2:15 to 2:40.
- **Fri 18 Dec:** Last day of term

PE Days

Please send your child to school in their correct PE kit on these days.

- **Tuesday** (indoor)
- **Thursday** (outdoor)