

# Summer Term

This half term we have been learning about 'Mighty Metals'.

## RE

In our RE we have been learning about Sikhism. We have been exploring the different ceremonies and traditions of the Sikh community.

## PE

This half term we have been learning about cricket. We are developing our throwing, batting and fielding skills.

## Science

We have been labelling and discussing forces in action. Exploring how magnets work and how magnets are used in the wider world around us.

## PSHE

Our Topic this half term has been 'Relationships'. We have been learning about what makes us happy; how we build relationships; and how to communicate our feelings.

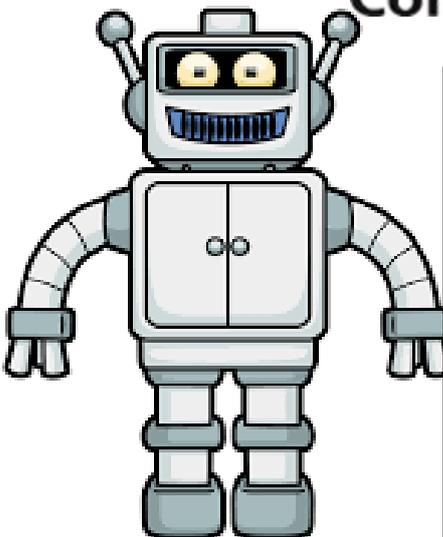
## Spanish

We are continuing to learn about numbers and colours. We are using Spanish vocabulary to describe objects.

## ICT

In ICT we have been working on developing Databases. We have been collecting and adding information to our databases, learning how to conduct searches; create graphs; and answer questions using the different function tools.

Children can continue to develop these skills by logging into their online Purple Mash Accounts and using the program To Investigate.



## Topic - Mighty Metals

We have participated in STOMP where we composed a piece of music using a range of everyday objects as instruments. Year 4 have made circuits and discussed how to use these in their robot designs. Year 3 have designed and made wind chimes. We have researched the uses of iron, both as a material, and a nutrient in our diets. We are currently designing and making our own robots using our research on toys and mechanisms.

## HOMEWORK

**Topic homework** will be given to supplement the topic content. Children may be given small tasks verbally or in written form to research aspects of the topic to further develop their knowledge.

Maths Homework will be given out as follows:

### Year 3

- Given out on **Wednesday** to be returned on or before the following **Monday**.
- **Up to 2 pieces a week**

### Year 4

- Given out on **Friday** and returned on **Monday**.
- Given out **Monday** returned on **Wednesday**.
- Given out **Wednesday** returned on a **Friday**.
- **Up to 3 pieces a week**

## TIMES TABLES

Children are expected to practise their times tables as many times as possible over the week.

We test your child's tables on **Fridays**. Through their maths targets they are challenged until they know them all up to  $12 \times 12$ .



## SPELLINGS

Children are given spellings to learn every week on **Fridays**. We test your child on the following Friday.

Please help them practise their spellings each night. Spellings sheets **do not** need to be returned to school.

## READING

Children are expected to read for at least ten minutes every night.

Our reading rainbow continues with our top readers now on the ***Indigo*** part of the rainbow. Remember to read every night and sign the reading challenge books. Reading challenge records are checked every two weeks and certificates awarded.

Children use the blue reading record book to record their own reading. Adults to sign the **YELLOW** reading challenge record books



## SWIMMING

The final sessions of swimming are as follows:

**Class 8 having morning sessions WC 06/06/2016 for two weeks.**

*(Please note School is closed on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> June we start swimming on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June)*

**Class 7 having afternoon sessions WC 20/06/2016 for two weeks.**

Children will need:

- Suitable bag
- Towel
- Swimming costume (shorts must rest above the knee when standing upright.)
- Goggles if required

## PE

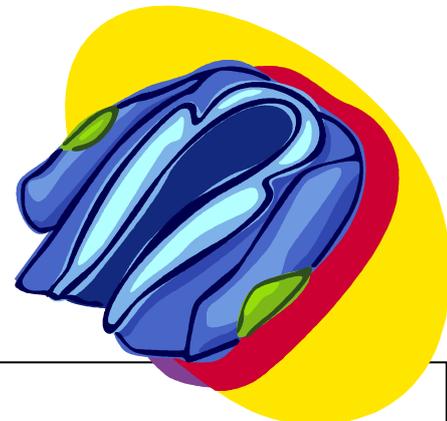
PE kits should be in school every day. PE is taught on Mondays and while the weather is warm, we will be aiming to have an extra session outside at some point during the week.

PE kit consists of:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain navy or black shorts
- PE shoes

In colder weather plain black/navy joggers may be worn.

Please ensure all kit is labelled.



## JUMPERS & COATS

Please ensure that your child has a jumper or cardigan with them every day and that all jumpers/cardigans are labelled with your child's name.

We ask that all children have a coat with them every day. Our weather is very unpredictable and often has turned cold and damp by lunchtime. Again please can we request that all coats are labelled with your child's name.



## Parent Help

If you have any spare time and would be willing to help in school please see your child's class teacher.

## LKS2 Team

### Teachers

Mr Gell - Class 8 (Team Leader)  
Mrs Sheridan - Class 8  
Mrs Singh - Class 7  
Mrs Stockdale - Class 7  
Miss Clouston - Class 6

## Birthday Cakes

If your child wishes to celebrate their birthday with the class by bringing in a cake, we would greatly appreciate if it came to school pre sliced.

### Teaching Assistants

Mrs Fox  
Miss Miller  
Miss Middleton  
Mr Powell

If you have any concerns or worries about your child and their learning please see your child's class teacher to arrange an appointment after school when any issues can be discussed.

Thank you for your continued support.

Lower Key Stage 2 Staff

# Looking forward

## Topic Open Afternoon

We would like to invite parents into school on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016, 2.30pm to come and see the exciting things that we have been doing in our topic. We will be displaying our robots and topic books in the school hall for you to come and see.

## School Trip

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016 we are heading to the Roman Fort at Segadunum, Wallsend. A fun packed day of archaeology, Hadrian's Wall and the 'I am warrior' workshops is planned. Please make sure any spending money (maximum £3.00) is sent to school in an envelope with your child's name on.

## Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

After half term we will be researching significant events during the Queen's lifetime. Each class will have a different focus and will present their work to the whole school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June as part of our whole school celebration.

## Olympic Week

During the week of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016 we will be completing activities across school based on the Olympics. We will be focusing on the different countries that take part as well as the history of the Olympics. At the end of the week we will be holding a house team quiz in school. This is also sports week.

## Sports Day

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July will be KS2 Sports Day. Parents will be welcome to join and cheer on the house teams. More details to follow.

## 'I am warrior'

Our final topic this year is 'I am warrior'. We will be researching how Rome was formed and where the Roman Empire began. We will be exploring the life of the Roman Army, comparing life in Italy and UK and finding out about significant people who influenced history.