



Year 4 Newsletter

Upton Junior School

This booklet gives a quick resume of our teaching and learning programme for Term 2. Further detail about the curriculum can be found on our website or on MCAS.

DATES

Date:	Activity:	Year/Class:
01/11/21	INSET DAY—School Closed to all Pupils	Whole School
02/11/21	School opens to all pupils 8:40 am (B/fast Club from 7:45am)	Whole School
03/11/21	Year 4 Stunning Start—Fizz Pop Visit	Year 4
11/11/21	Armistice Day—children can wear service uniforms (cubs, Brownies etc)	Whole School
15/11/21	Odd Sock Day—no donation, just funky socks!	Whole School
19/11/21	Children in Need - spotty non-uniform day £1 donation	Whole School
30/11/21	Open Day see our website for more details	Year 2 Parents
01/12/21	Open Day see our website for more details	Year 2 Parents
03/12/21	Elf Day for Alzheimer's Society (more to follow)	Whole School
07/12/21	Children's Flu Vaccines	Whole School
09/12/21	Year 4 and Year 6 Christmas Dinner	Year 4 & Year 6
13/12/21	School to Holy Trinity Church	Whole School
14/12/21	Year 4 and Year 6 Panto Trip	Year 4 & Year 6
16/12/21	Year 4 and Year 6 Christmas Party	Year 4 & Year 6
10/12/21	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
17/12/21	End of Term 2 school closes at 2:15 pm	Whole School
<u>START OF TERM 3</u>		
04/01/22	INSET day: School closed to all pupils	Whole School
05/01/22	School opens to all pupils from 8:40 am (B/fast Club from 7:45am)	Whole School



TOPICS FOR TERM 2

Light it Up

In this topic, pupils will learn all about simple electrical circuits. In Science, pupils will have to opportunity to draw and construct simple circuits, learn how to use a switch and learn the differences between conductors and insulators. They will also learn about electrical hazards and how to be safe around them. In DT, pupils will link their learning by designing and creating a light-up 3D model. In History, pupils will learn about the life of Thomas Edison and his role in inventing the lightbulb. They will also learn how light has evolved over time. In Geography, pupils will learn about light pollution and the areas of the world most affected by this. Through Art, pupils will explore Rembrandt's use of light and tone. The children will explore how shades and tones affect the mood of a painting.





ACROSS THE CURRICULUM



Music - Term 2 4B and 4G

At Upton we teach the National Curriculum for Music through the focus of a different instrument each year.

Year 4 - In Year 4 the children will be learning to play Violins and bowed instruments.

For all lessons, instruments are provided by the school but are not allowed to be taken home. If your child has their own instrument, please ensure it is labelled clearly both on the instrument and the case!

Computing- Term 2 4R and 4Y

This unit follows up the earlier units on programming Scratch on a computer. In this unit, the children write quizzes by combining questions. While specific skills in Scratch are taught, the unit aims to teach children the wider programming skills of solving problems, testing, debugging, improving and evaluating.

PE and Swimming

All classes will have PE in Term 2

PE takes place every **Wednesday**. Children will need to come in wearing their outdoor PE kits which they can stay in for the day. A reminder that children can wear dark blue/black tracksuits (no large logos) as the weather turns colder.

4B and 4G will have Swimming Term 2

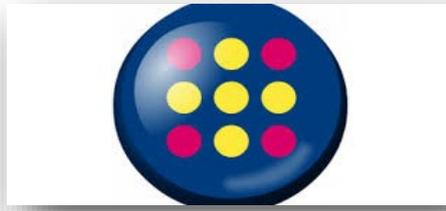
Swimming: Lessons will be on a **Thursday (children to come to school wearing uniform)**. Children will need to bring their swimming kit, swimming costume (full swimsuit for girls and fitted shorts for boys), swimming hat, goggles and towel in a bag. Please ensure all items are named.

Modern Foreign Languages

This term children will be using Chinese characters and pinyin and learning to pronounce the words with the correct tone. They will learn how to introduce themselves and how have a basic conversation in Chinese (Hello, my name's ... What's your name? How are you? I'm well, thank you. Goodbye). They will also learn to recognise and write the following characters. 中文 (Chinese language), 大 (big), 小 (small), 好 (good), 不 (not), 人 (person), 也 (also), 他 (he).

RE

In Year 4 we will be looking at Sikhism.



MATHS

Number: Measurement– Length and Perimeter

- Equivalent lengths - m and cm
- Equivalent lengths - mm and cm
- Kilometres
- Add lengths
- Subtract lengths
- Measure perimeter
- Perimeter on a grid
- Perimeter of a rectangle
- Perimeter of rectilinear shapes

Number: Multiplication and division

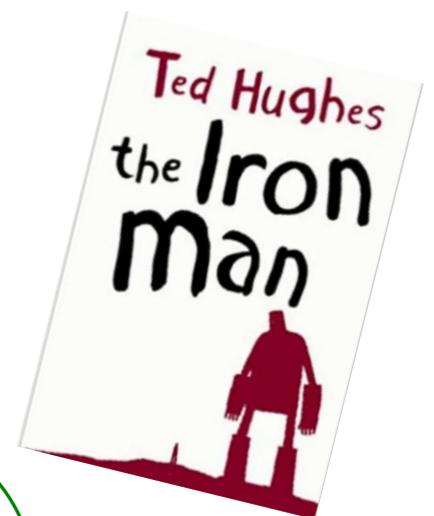
- Multiply by 10
- Multiply by 100
- Divide by 10
- Divide by 100
- Multiply by 1 and 0
- Divide by 1 and itself
- Multiply and divide by 3
- The 3 times-table
- Multiply and divide by 6
- 6 times table and division facts

ENGLISH

At Upton we believe that reading should truly be at the heart of the English curriculum. Through reading, pupils learn how to write and apply spelling, punctuation and grammar conventions.

Reading is a pillar of our civilization, present in every facet of society, and pupils who read well will ultimately have greater access to our textually rich world. Generating a long-lasting love of books and affinity with quality texts is key to an inclusive and inspiring English Curriculum. With this in mind, we have adopted a 'Text-Based Curriculum', where all aspects of English teaching and learning revolve around a chosen text.

The book we will be reading in our English lessons in Term 2 is:



*"You are who you choose to
be."
— Ted Hughes, The Iron
Man*

THE IRON MAN
BY
TED HUGHES

Home Learning

Please continue to encourage your child to undertake regular practice of multiplication facts (at least three times a week) as part of their homework on the website Times Tables Rockstars.



We ask that children read a minimum of three times a week and send your child's reading record into school daily.



READING

Minimum three times a week. Reading record must be signed by an adult.

Reading can be completed on your own or with your parents.



CROSS CURRICULAR

Once a week - set on Friday, handed in on Wednesday.

Task will be uploaded onto the class blog on the Upton Website every week.

Task to be completed in exercise book and can be completed in any way children like - be creative!

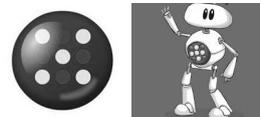


TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Minimum three times a week.

Can be completed on tablets, laptops or mobile phones though the app or the website.

Login details available in MCAS app under 'Reports' tab.



MYMATHS

Once a week - Friday to Friday.

Tasks will be completed online, with new tasks set every week.

Tasks will always follow the subjects being taught in class that week.



SPELLING SHED

Three times a week.

Tasks will be completed online, with new tasks set every week.

Tasks will always follow the spellings being taught in class that week.

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