

Lilac 2 Newsletter

Spring Term January – March 2018



SS PHILIP & JAMES' CHURCH OF ENGLAND
VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

Together we shine

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a fantastic festive period with friends and family. This term is a very important one as we look to build upon everyone's hard work before Christmas. We've all settled back in and have launched our new topic with an exciting day.



New Topic

Our topic for this term is Transformers: Robots in Disguise and the children have already shown a great deal of enthusiasm for this during their discussion and our WOW day. We will be using the themes of robotics in all of learning and have been provided with some fantastic resources (Lego WeDo and Raspberry Pis) that will enable us to explore a wide range of subjects. We're aware that many of our parents have far reaching talents, if you feel that your particular areas of interest would add to the children's understand of this fascinating topic then please don't hesitate to come in and see us. We'll be linking our literacy learning to our topic through studying: The Iron Man by Ted Hughes, exploring dystopian

futures and also studying Cogheart by Peter Bunzl.



Big Science Event

As part of our learning in science, we will be exploring electricity and light but will also be taking part in a competition to plan and carry out an investigation. The children will be able to choose what they want to investigate and will then carry out their investigation and explain the results that they produce. We're very much looking forward to seeing what our budding Newtons and Teslas decide to explore.

Homework

The children will be bringing home a new book (lime green) in which they will complete one piece of work per week. This work is designed to reflect and share their knowledge, skills and understanding of objectives taught in school. Your child can present their task in any way they choose; write, draw, use diagrams, videos, animations etc. We ask that the completed Learning Log task takes up no more than one page of their Log. We hope that this style of work completed at home will allow children to reflect on what

they have learnt in school that week; develop independence and resilience. It will also allow you to support your child with the learning that has taken place in school. This homework will replace one of our literacy homework pieces and we will continue to send home maths and spellings.

Clothing

We've had some very cold weather recently and have needed to remind children to wear coats and appropriate footwear. Our PE topics for this term are Dance and Hockey. We will be having PE in the hall and outside so please ensure your child has warm clothing for outdoor lessons.

Brunch Bags

After a period where they were unavailable, Brunch Bags are back on the menu. The children will be able to choose between two different delicious baguette options each day. Meat and vegetarian options for hot food will continue to be available.

We would like to say a big thank you for all of your support in making term 1 a fantastic success. We know we can count on you to make Term 2 even better. Thanks for reading. Ms Mothersill, Mrs Chapman, Mr Newman and Mrs Wallbridge (The Lilac 2 Team)