

# Benwick Primary School



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## Herons Link-Up - Spring 2018

### Happy New Year and welcome back Herons!

Our topic for the term for the first half term is 'The Iron Man' and then 'From the Mountain to the Sea'. The first topic is a study of Ted Hughes and his book the Iron Man. The second topic will involve lots of Geography and strong links to Science to learn about the water cycle.

Our Science topic this half term is Electricity. We will be looking at electrical appliances and how these appliances help us to complete many tasks. Then we will be learning about electrical circuits involving switches, buzzers and lights. The second part of the half term will focus on changing states of materials involving many practical investigations to explore melting, freezing, heating and cooling.

Our English this term will cover the genres of Poetry, Biography, Narrative Mystery, Explanation and Persuasion. We are currently working on writing our own biographies about Ted Hughes. Our class reader is The Iron Man and we will be reading the text throughout this half term as well as using it as a basis for our English and topic lessons.

In Maths this term we will be covering a range of topics including: multiplication and division, time, fractions, angles and lots of opportunities for problem solving. Throughout all of these areas of Maths we will be using multiplication facts as part of our problem solving techniques. Please encourage your child to continue to practise their times tables knowledge as often as possible. The website 'Hit the Button' is a very popular choice when practising times tables. We will continue to assess the children's times table knowledge every Friday.

Spellings will also be taught every Friday and the children will work with their Paired Spelling partner regularly in the week.

In RE, we will be exploring who the Saints are and find out why they are important and in PSHE we will be working on 'Feeling Safe', 'Working with others' and then learning how to be financially aware and prepared for the world.

PE lessons will continue to be on a Wednesday and Friday; on Wednesdays the children will learn net and wall games/skills with Mr Dowson and on Fridays they will do gymnastics. **The children need to have a full PE kit (shorts, t-shirt and trainers) in school on those days.**

**Swimming will also be taking place on Fridays after half term. A letter will be sent out about this closer to the time.**

### **Homework**

Topic and Times table homework will be sent home on a Friday and needs to be returned by the following Wednesday, at the latest.

I am always available to talk to before or after school, however if you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email if that is easier.

I am looking forward to the Spring Term in Herons.

Mrs Goulbourne  
Herons Teacher