

Y4

# Classroom News

*Avondale*  
Primary School



## Spring 1

Welcome back! We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and we wish you all the best for the New Year. May we take this opportunity to thank you for the thoughtful gifts that you sent in for members of staff at the end of last term. They were very much appreciated.

Please regularly check our blog and Facebook page for updates. Our class page on the school website also has lots of links for extra support in various subjects as well. Our year 4 blog on Purple Mash will also inform your child of their weekly spellings and homework tasks.

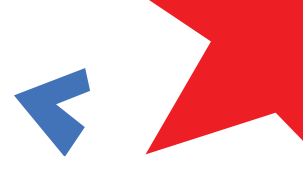
## Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 15th January – 6J Class Assembly
- Thursday 16th January – 1S Class Assembly
- Wednesday 29th January – 3L Class Assembly
- Thursday 6th February – Reception Class Assembly
- Wednesday 12th February – 6C Class Assembly
- Thursday 13th February – Parents' Evening (1:30pm finish)
- Friday 14th February – School Closes for half term at 3.15pm
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## Friendly Reminders

- P.E days for 4P will be on a Monday (dance) and Thursday (yoga).
- P.E days for 4F will be on a Tuesday (dance) and Thursday (yoga).
- Please remember to sign your child's reading book when they have read. They can change their book as soon as they have completed it. Please read with your child 5 times a week minimum. Reading diaries will be checked every Monday.
- Homework and spellings will be put on purple mash blog on a Friday. Homework needs to be completed by the following Friday. The children will be tested on their spellings on a Friday. Please also ensure your child uses spelling shed to learn their spellings.
- Library days will be on a Wednesday.





# The Iron Man

## Maths

This term we will be learning multiplication and division written methods and looking at length, perimeter and fractions.

We are working on the trickier tables x6, x7, x9 and x12. The children need to have quick recall of all of their times tables by the end of year 4.

Please continue to encourage your child to practice their times tables at home. It really does have an impact on their maths learning and confidence when completing Soundchecks on TT Rockstars.

## English

In English, we are going to be reading the novel 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We will be studying the techniques the author uses to create descriptions and use these skills to write descriptions of robots the children will create.

We will also be using the book to help the children to develop their comprehension skills further and to link with our other topics too.

We will continue with grammar and spelling lessons.

## History

Our History unit will be all about the Anglo Saxons and Scots. We will be looking at how and when the Vikings came to Britain and fought the Anglo - Saxons, where the Vikings came from, why the Vikings raided monasteries, the attack on Lindisfarne, Viking boats, the agreement of Danelane and how the Vikings were defeated.

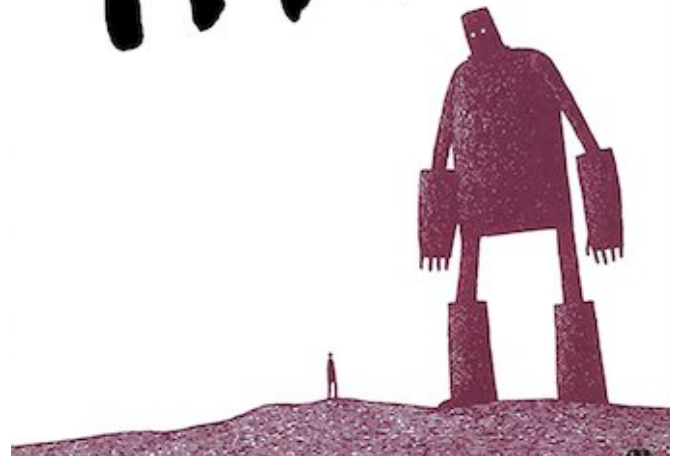
### Key Vocabulary:

Invader, settler, tribe, warrior, explorer, archeologist

PSHE - Dreams and Goals

Art - how patterns can be created

# Ted Hughes the Iron man



## Science

During our Science lessons, we will be learning about electricity. We will be developing our investigation skills by planning, carrying out and evaluating investigations linked to circuits. We will also learn why we need electricity and how it can be dangerous.

### Key Vocabulary:

cell, wire, bulb, buzzer, motor, switch, circuit, conductor, insulator, appliance