

Hardwick Green Primary Academy

Year Three and Four Newsletter

Spring Term 2018 (2nd half)

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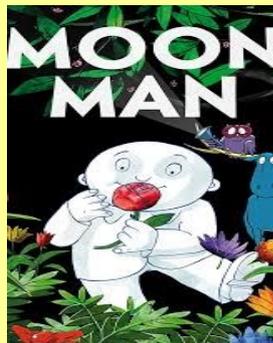
What an exciting half term this one is going to be. We are all really enjoying our work on books since we came back to school after the half term break. The Bookworms topic is designed to really engage children in reading and as such, the whole curriculum is designed around a single story. Please ask your child about the book they are reading in class and the work that is being done in connection with the book. Please don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher if there is anything you can do at home to help.

I'm sure that this half term is going to be a fabulous seven weeks filled with learning and progress. We will look forward to seeing you at those special progress

Moon Man

Year Three will be working on this book for the whole half term; it will be helping them develop their reading skills as well as their writing.

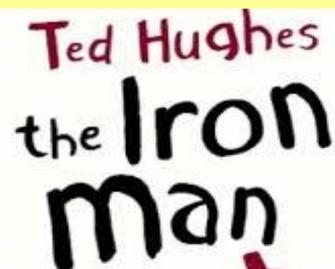
They will also be learning all



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The Iron Man

Year Four are working with this amazing book by Ted Hughes. They love



the story already and are using the ideas to improve their writing. They will be engaged in all manner of activities in this

Help Us Help Your Child

- Read with your child every night.
- Make sure your child completes homework. It goes home with children on a Friday and due back to school by the following Wednesday.
- Talk to your child about what they have learnt in school.
- Talk to us if there are

part of your child's school please Russell in the main office for more



WE WANT YOU!

Hardwick Green Local Governing Body needs you!

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor—if you are interested in playing a role as contact Mrs details.

We look forward to hearing from you!

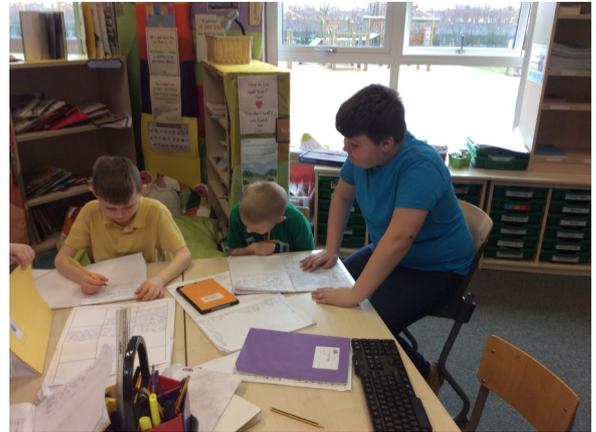
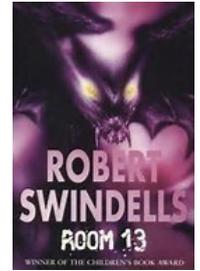
Thank you to all the parents in Y3 and Y4 who came to parents evening and gave such lovely comments about their child's learning and progress. We are delighted and thank you for

Our academy target for attendance is **96%** so it is very important that children only miss school if they are really poorly. Please remember to call the office to inform us if your child will be absent.



Year Four Will be On Tour!

Year 4 will be visiting Whitby in March as the book they have been reading, Room 13, is set in



Year 6 visited our Year 3 and supported the class to finish their stories based on the book Flat Stanley.

All children will be taking part in an Easter Writing Competition in School. One child from every class will be picked as a winner and awarded a prize. The children will get to read out their winning entry in our Easter Church Service



School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



Message From Mr Bloomfield

Hello parents. Its great to see all of the fabulous learning opportunities that your children are having each half term. The children are loving being in school and attendance is generally improving.

In Y3 attendance is running at 95.5% - this is so close to our target of 96%. Keep on trying hard Y3.

In Y4 attendance is running at 92.3%. This isn't good enough and we want to help your children improve.

Please take a moment to read Mrs Horners attendance page at the end of the newsletter.

ATTENDANCE SUPPORT—A message from Mrs Horner



Here I am moaning on about attendance again!

It would be so lovely to be able to say we have hit the target of 96% but unfortunately we are only at 94% so there is quite a bit more work to do. As a result, some parents will be receiving letters from me because their child's attendance is under 90%.

I would just like to take this opportunity to clarify the rules around absence. If a child's attendance is below 90%, and there are unauthorised absences, the Local Authority Attendance Officer could become involved and parents could receive fines or be asked to come to an Attendance Case Conference which is a very serious position for parents to find themselves in. We totally understand that children do become unwell, but it is really important that medical evidence is obtained for illness if your child's attendance is below 90% to avoid this situation.

You are legally obliged to send your child to school – it is not a choice.

Our emphasis around attendance is not just focused on the negative aspects and we try to encourage good attendance and punctuality amongst the children. This is why we have our weekly trophy award with prizes or stickers for the best class. There are also regular rewards resulting from our involvement with Middlesbrough Football Club, such as tickets for a football match. Five lucky children with excellent attendance and punctuality recently enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at the Riverside Stadium where they had a tour of the stadium and some fun activities. The next big award will be for some children with the most improved attendance since the start of this term so it's not too late for your child to become involved. Let's hope I can report on good news and much improved attendance next half term.



Here are some photos from the celebration event at Middlesbrough Football Club.



Key Dates for your calendar:

World Book Day: Thursday 1st March—dress as your favourite character or come in your pyjamas (£1 donation please).

Book Fair: Monday 5th March to Thursday 8th March (Learning Lounge—entrance via the car park)

Easter Church Service: last week of term (w/c 26th March date to be confirmed)

Year 4 Trip to Whitby: Wednesday 21st March