



**Mount Pleasant Primary School**  
**Year 4 Half-Termly Newsletter**

**Apr-May**  
**2018**

**Our News**

Our time with *The Iron Man* is sadly drawing to a close, but we have produced some amazing work inspired by Ted Hugh's exceptional writing! We have thought about how we would set a trap for the Iron Man, we have written our own story featuring the giant and we have even focused on fractions whilst measuring him and mapping him out in our classroom! We have also applied our knowledge of circuits to create light up versions of the character! Here are some of next term's highlights:

**Science** - Our next unit will be sound. We will discover how sound occurs and how it travels to our ears. At home, encourage your child to listen to the sounds around them and begin to question how it's being made and where it is coming from. You could try making 'tin-can telephones' and discuss how they work (see instructions attached).

**History** - We will begin our studies of the Vikings! We will learn about why they invaded here, how they lived and we may even get to experience Viking life first hand!

**Geography** - We will continue to look at mountainous environments and extend this study to the rivers of the United Kingdom. If you go near a river this Easter, talk to your child about it and find out what it's called, particularly local waterways such as the Rivers Stour and Severn.

**RE** - We will be exploring Christianity through the parable stories of the New Testament.

**PE** - Indoor (Monday) Dance -we will be developing our own traditional, Viking style dances. In outdoor PE (Tuesdays), Year 4 will continue with batting and fielding games.

**You can support your child this half term by:**

**Reading**

*How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell is our next class reader and we cannot wait to get our teeth into it!

We have worked really hard on our inference skills in class. Please ask your child what they think about the characters in their reading books and why. Children must provide clear evidence from the text. Next, we will further develop our summarising skills. Ask your child to recap a page or a paragraph to you during home reading.

**Writing**

We hope you enjoyed coming to read your child's writing during Learning Journey Evening. They have learnt so much this term! Our Iron Man stories were exciting and full of suspense!

Next, we will continue to write fiction in the form of descriptions and stories with a clear plot. We will also carry on developing our skills when punctuating dialogue.


**Spellings: 16/04/18, 30/04/18, 21/05/18**

**Mathematics**

Thank you for your support with learning tables, you can really see the benefit in many areas of our maths work.

The next half term we will be focusing on measures and geometry. You can help your child by getting them to measure practically at home for cooking, DIY etc. You could also look at food packets and toiletry containers to see what units they are measured in. Find what is measured in litres, millilitres, grams, kilograms metres and centimetres.

**Believe it, Achieve it!**

<p><u>April Birthdays</u></p> <p>Kieran, Ellie-May, Elliot, Mariah, Grace, Daniel S, Tye</p>	<p><u>May Birthdays</u></p> <p>Charlie J., Steven, Gracie-May</p>	<p><u>Outstanding Learner</u></p> <p>In order for children to be an outstanding learner they must adhere to all of the criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• always be ready to learn</li> <li>• always complete home learning tasks (reading, spellings and maths challenges)</li> <li>• show pride in their work and appearance</li> <li>• collaborate well and help others</li> <li>• demonstrate independence using '3 before me'</li> <li>• demonstrate a positive attitude to all learning</li> <li>• be a good role model and inspire others</li> </ul> <p>These children have achieved the outstanding learner award:</p> <p>Abdul, Charlie B., Anais, Daniel B., Neha, Kieran, Lily, Cody, Bayley, Finley, Bobby, Alfie, Faith, Aashir, Joshua, Vinnie, Jinjun, Steven, Alysia, Liberty, Mariah, William, Afaq, Grace, Tia, Daniel S., Ryan, Isabelle, Gracie-May, Zac, Tye.</p>	
<p><u>Dates for the Diary</u></p> <p>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – School Opens</p> <p>Thu 3 May - Voting Day - School closed</p> <p>Mon 7 May - May Day Bank Holiday</p> <p>Thu 24 May - Inset Day - School closed</p> <p>Fri 25 May - Inset Day - School closed</p> <p>28 May to 1 June - Half Term</p>			
<p>These children have moved up a maths challenge this half term:</p> <p>Abdul, Hassan, Charlie B., Kieran, Bayley, Reece, Finley, Alfie, Faith, Oliver, Joshua, Ellie-May, Charlie J. Steven, Elliot, Mariah, Afaq, Muneeb, Grace, Brooke, Daniel S, Gracie-May, Zac.</p>		<p>These children have improved their spelling challenge score this half term:</p> <p>Mariayh, Abdul, Hassan, Charlie, Anais, Daniel, Neha, Kieran, Lily, Morgan, Cody, Bayley, Reece, Frederick, Finley, Bobby, Alfie, Faith, Paige, Aashir, Oliver, Joshua, Brooke H.</p>	
<p>These children have moved up a tables challenge this half term:</p> <p>Mariayh, Charlie B., Anais, Daniel B. Neha, Kieran, Morgan, Cody, Reece, Oliver, Joshua, Brooke H., Vinnie, Jinjun, Alysia, Mariah, William, Afaq, Grace, Cole, Tia, Brooke S., Ryan, Isabelle, Gracie-May, Tye.</p>			
		<p><u>Bully 4U</u></p> <p>On 6<sup>th</sup> March, Year 3 had a performance by Loudmouth Education called Bully4U. The children were taught about different forms of bullying and what they can do to help other people. We had a great day and the children represented Mount Pleasant perfectly!</p>	
<p><u>VIPs!</u></p> <p>These children were chosen for their exceptional behaviour and attitude:</p> <p>Gracie-May, Grace, Cole, Tye, Jinjun, Tia, Mariah, Brooke S., Charlie B. Afaq.</p>		<p>Swimming - These children have passed their 25m target.</p> <p>Liberty, William, Tia.</p>	<p>Well done to the following children who represented Mount Pleasant in the book quiz:</p> <p>Tia, Fred and William.</p>