



**Tropical Birds, Year 3 and 4**  
**Summer 2 2019**

**This half terms topic is Mighty Metals**

**Literacy**

We are focussing on Shaun Tan's book *The Lost thing*, which is a powerful picture book around a robot - or is it?

The children will be learning to write a newspaper article, writing an explanation text and extending this to a narrative based on this book. This provides a great opportunity for the pupils to develop a wide use of vocabulary and imaginative exploration.

**Maths**

**In year 3** we are looking at our skills for using and applying statistics, using different graphs to display our findings and then interpreting the data to answer questions. We will then be looking at mass and capacity for the children to explore the different units of measure, converting units of measure and applying the knowledge of units to answer questions. As we approach the end of the term we will be revisiting place value and calculations to consolidate their knowledge in readiness for next year.

**In year 4** we are looking at our skills for using and applying statistics, using different graphs to display our findings and then interpreting the data to answer questions. We will be creating our own graphs and consider what questions we create to extract the data. We will be learning about position and direction, looking at using compasses and applying this to locate items. As we approach the end of the term we will be revisiting place value and calculations to consolidate their knowledge in readiness for next year.

**Curriculum foci**

**Science:** We will be learning about electricity and circuits. The children will have an opportunity to make their own circuits and to record information scientifically. They will be making predictions and testing out their theories and making adaptations when needed.

**PSHE:** We are looking at the '**It's good to be me**' unit that looks at how our bodies change and develop, personal hygiene and relationships.

**D&T:** We are looking at moving monsters where we will be looking at a range of ways to make mechanisms work.

**RE:** We are asking and exploring the question - Does Jesus have authority for everyone?

**Computing:** We are focusing on Photo stories - presentations using Powerpoint.

### **Home Learning**

This term we are focusing on spellings, times tables and reading daily. When reading with your child please record this in the diary provided. Ensure that you ask lots of questions about what they have read.

Spellings and times tables will be sent out on **Friday** and returned on **Thursday**.

Please encourage your children to practise times tables daily as this underpins maths.

### **Reminders**

All children need to have their P.E kits in school **every Monday and take them home on Friday**. PE for all Tropical Birds will take place on a Wednesday afternoon. Library books also need to be in school on your child's library day so that they can be changed regularly.

### **Snacks**

Children may bring in a piece of fruit, some vegetable snacks, dried fruit or a fruit bar to have at morning break but please do not send in anything which contains nuts due to allergies within school.

### **Trip to Legoland**

We currently have 2 spaces available for parent volunteers to accompany us on the school trip to Legoland. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Mrs L Ryan. Please be aware we only have 2 spaces therefore it will be on a first come first served basis only.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Mrs Ryan, Mrs Rusnakova, Mr Ripley and Miss Horvath.

### **DIARY DATES**

Friday 14th June	Bring a man to school day
Monday 17th June	Sports Day
Thursday 20th June	Trip to Legoland
Wednesday 3rd July	International Language Day
Thursday 4th July	Transition Day
Thursday 11th July	SEN Parents Evening at 3.30pm
Friday 19th July	Break up for the Summer break