

YEAR 4 | TERM 2 NEWSLETTER

INCREDIBLE INVENTIONS—WHAT MAKES A GOOD INVENTION?

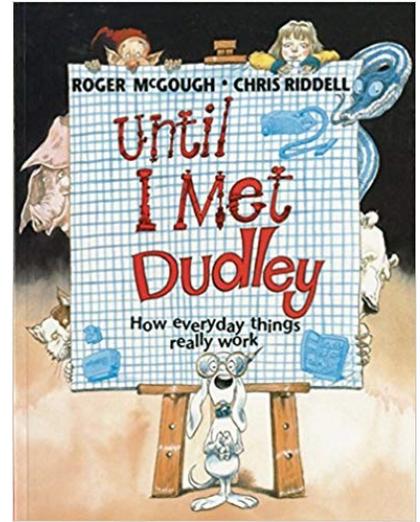


Welcome back to another term at The Tynings.

All children have settled in incredibly well into Year 4—we are looking forward to another hard-working, fun-filled term!

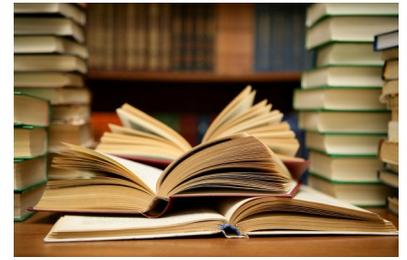
OUR KEY TEXT

Our key text will be *Until I Met Dudley* by Roger McGough. Have you ever wondered how a toaster works? Or a fridge-freezer, or a washing-up machine? In this book, Dudley, the techno-wizard dog, provides the answers. We will be delving into the fascinating world of technology to discover the workings of familiar machines.



READING AND WRITING

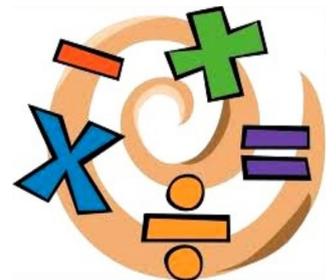
In our writing, we will be planning and writing our own explanation text around how an item is made and works. We will be building on the skills taught in term 1 as well as introducing a few new concepts to the children such as the present perfect tense.



This term we will have more of a non-fiction focus to our reading. We will revise the skills of skimming and scanning and use these skills to locate information to answer questions about a certain topic. We will also practise using the features of non-fiction texts such as contents pages, indexes and glossaries to help us find information quickly.

MATHS

This term our focus will be on multiplication and division. We will be learning to use short multiplication and division. Once we have mastered the skill, we will be applying this to solving worded problems and other number challenges.



We will also be learning about perimeter of rectangles and rectilinear shapes and converting units of measure.

TOPIC

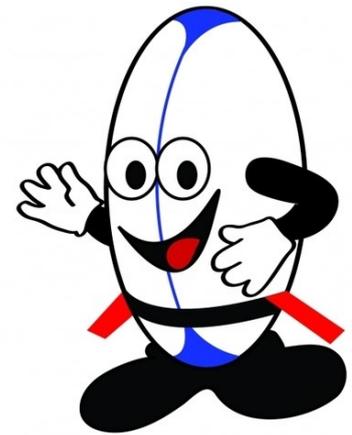
In our topic sessions we will be questioning and investigating various inventions throughout history. We will look at the impact they have had on our lives and why they were invented in the first place. We will also have a deeper focus on the invention of the lightbulb and will be making our own games in DT which involve creating circuits.



PE

Both classes will receive 2 PE sessions per week (Tuesdays and Fridays). Once of these sessions will be delivered by the class teacher and the other session will be ran by a Bristol Sport sports coach. Please make sure your child has suitable PE kit including a t-shirt, jumper, shorts, jogging bottoms, spare socks if your child wears tights and appropriate footwear. Please can you also provide micro pore tape to cover any earrings your child wears if they are not able to take them out in school.

Forest school is on Tuesdays—please ensure your child brings in track-suits bottoms, wellies and a coat.



**Please make sure
names are on all
your child's PE kit.**

HOME LEARNING

We would like parents to really focus on weekly spellings, reading and times tables.

Children will be tested weekly on 15 spellings and we will have high expectations for the results every week. We would like to see regular practice in their yellow homework books.

Even if your child is a free reader, please can you read with your child as much as possible and record this in their reading record.

Weekly maths activity will be sent home (in homework books) —this will support work on mental maths and quick recall of times table facts.

Project details will be sent home the first week back.

Notices/Dates for your diary

Friday 9th November—3 children from each class will walk to Page park war memorial

Tuesday 11th December—Flu immunisations

Thurs 13th Dec (provisional) 6pm KS2 carol concert at Staple Hill Methodist church

Friday 14th December—Woodpecker class assembly 2:30

Monday 17th December—KS2 Christmas service at St Stephens Church

Fri 21st Dec—last day of Term 2!