

# Year 4 Newsletter



# Merton Junior School

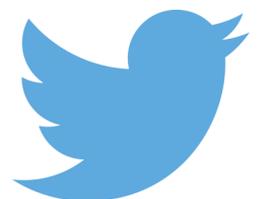
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# Welcome to Year 4

We would like to welcome everyone to the new academic year at Merton Junior School. We are very excited about what is coming over the next year and we look forward to spending the year with your fabulous children.



This year, we have a new team in Year 4 led by Miss Gregor in Hazel with Mr Seyfried, in Oak is Miss Youngs with Mrs Bird and in Horse Chestnut is Mr Rowland with Miss Thane.

The staff have been working hard all summer to ensure that this year will be truly incredible for the children. We have lots of exciting topics planned and there will be some events that we will ask parents to join us to celebrate.

In year 4, we are also lucky to have the Hampshire Music Service come and work with us each Thursday afternoon. The children will get the opportunity to play a range of instruments and focus on key skills such as reading music. I believe this term we are starting with the Samba drums!!!

If you ever need to have a quick chat to us, please catch us on the playground at the end of the day, or equally pop a message into us at the office.

As with previous years, our cloakrooms are quite small therefore we ask that children bring in their book bag which will be placed in the classroom, a coat and their PE kit which will live in the cloakrooms. PE kits should be in a small draw string bag which can easily hang on the pegs as backpacks are too large and end up on the floor which causes a tripping hazard. We do ask for NO rucksacks unless the child rides a bike to school where they will need both hands clear!



Can all clothing items be labelled please. No one likes the missing jumper hunt at the end of the day.

At the end of each day, the staff will lead the children out on to the top playground (just like they did in Year 3). Please can we ask that the stairs remain clear so that we can exit quickly and promptly.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead and we hope you are too.

Kind regards

# Our Classes

**Oak**

**Miss Youngs**



**Horse Chestnut**

**Mr Rowland**

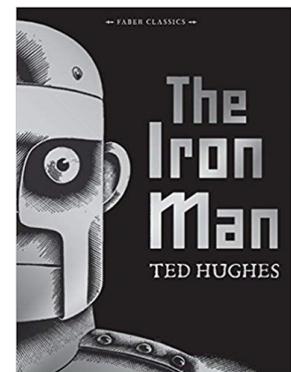
**Hazel**

**Miss Gregor**



# The Iron Man

The Iron Man is our first topic where we will be looking at electricity and circuits as well as burying our heads into the Ted Hughes classic. They will be able to create short circuits and then we will move into the Design Technology stage of the project towards the end of the term. This project is extremely practical and we cannot wait to see the wow moment when they get to 'light up' the room' with their knowledge.



# Dates for the Diary

Thursday 19th Sept - School Photographs

Friday 27th Sept - Macmillan Coffee Morning

**Saturday 28th Sept - Summer Fun Day**

Friday 4th Oct - Whole school science day

Monday 7th Oct - Parents' Evening 3:30 - 7pm

Tuesday 8th Oct - Parents' Evening 3:30 - 5pm

**Friday 11th Oct - INSET DAY**



N.B Please name all your child's clothing

## PE this term

Our PE days are a **Wednesday and Friday**

All children need to bring a **full PE kit each week** as the session will be split into an indoor and outdoor session. The School PE uniform is:

Plain white T-shirt (no logos or slogans or pictures)

Plain, dark coloured shorts or jogging bottoms

A pair of outdoor sport pumps or trainers

A plain jumper (for outside only)

We encourage children to bring a separate jumper for PE rather than their school jumper to avoid their uniform getting hot, sweaty and dirty during their PE sessions

**PE is statutory within the curriculum therefore all children will participate. A spare kit from school will be provided for your child to wear that day if they fail to bring an appropriate kit or they will have to participate in their uniform and a letter will be sent home to inform you of this.**