

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful half term break. We're excited to welcome the children back for another term of fun-filled learning here at Northern House Academy. This half term, our topic is 'The Iron Man!' – a theme that lets us look at the famous book by Ted Hughes and explore a variety of different subject areas all linked to the story.

Our English focus will be on Informative Writing, where children will create their own newspaper articles based on the story. This will not only develop their writing but will also build their understanding of how to communicate clearly and with purpose and discern the difference between fact and fiction. In maths we will continue to develop our understanding of number and place value, alongside working with fractions and time. Our Science lessons will be all about electricity! Pupils will explore how to construct circuits, electrical symbols, along with what we use electricity for as well as conductors and insulators.

In music we will be enjoying and appraising various songs by Bob Marley as well as using instruments during class music lessons to play along with the songs. In cooking we will be focussing on healthy eating and each lesson the children will be all involved in making a different healthy recipe.

In computing we will explore digital literacy and coding, specifically the use of microbits with the children being able to code on the computer and see how their code can affect an external device. Our PSHE theme is Rights and Responsibilities. We will discuss staying healthy and safe, how we all have rights and responsibilities and how our actions matter in social situations.

**Blake Class will have PE on Tuesdays this term as we will be doing Parkour. Pupils can come to school in comfortable clothes suitable for physical activity – e.g. a t-shirt, tracksuit bottoms, and trainers.**

As always, we deeply value the partnership between home and school. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions, concerns or want to let us know anything. You can contact us through the school office or by email on [efleet@northernhouseacademy.co.uk](mailto:efleet@northernhouseacademy.co.uk). Thank you for your continued support.

Warm wishes,

The Blake Class Team