

February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful break and are excited for another term at Northern House Academy. Our topic this half term is *The Iron Man*, based on the book by Ted Hughes, linking learning across subjects.

In English, pupils will focus on instructional writing and create newspaper articles inspired by the story, developing clear communication and understanding fact and fiction. In Maths, we will continue work on number and place value, as well as fractions and time. Science will focus on electricity, including building circuits, learning electrical symbols, and exploring conductors and insulators.

In Music, we will appraise songs by Bob Marley and play along using instruments. Cooking will centre on healthy eating, with pupils preparing a different healthy meal each week. In Computing, children will develop digital literacy and coding skills using microbits to see how code affects external devices. Our PSHE theme is *Rights and Responsibilities*, covering health and safety, democracy, media influence, and social responsibility.

Banksy Class will have Dance on Wednesdays for PE. Pupils should wear suitable clothing (t-shirt, tracksuit bottoms, trainers).

This term, we will be focusing on our school value of **Consistency** and we will continue to encourage all children to express themselves and help them to develop their social skills and emotional regulation and celebrate when aspects of this value is demonstrated in their own behaviour.

A friendly reminder that if your child brings a toy or electronic device for the taxi journey, it must be handed to staff in the morning to be stored safely and returned at the end of the day.

We value your partnership and welcome any questions—please contact the school office or email rmoar@northernhouseacademy.co.uk. A copy of the weekly timetable is enclosed.

All the best,
Banksy Class Team
(Rob Moar, Erin Clare, Kelly Lin)