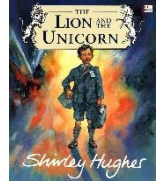


Miss Copeland, Miss Thompson and Mr Wilks hope you have a lovely Christmas break. We hope you have lots of fun and enjoy time with your families.

ENGLISH: We will be reading and studying *The Lion and The Unicorn* by Shirley Hughes. Weekly SPAG activities will be based on the book and there will be opportunities for more extended writing over the term.



MATHS: We will continue to work on **multiplication facts** and arithmetic skills. Early bird activities will allow us to apply these skills in word problem / reasoning activities. It is really important that pupils know their tables up to 12 x 12.

HISTORY: The spring topic is **World War 2**. We will learn about how people kept themselves safe during the war through evacuation, gas masks and bomb shelters. Our story topic will lend to many cross curricular opportunities.

SCIENCE: We will cover two topics: **Electricity and Living things and their Habitats**. Pupils will have the opportunity to construct simple circuits. We will also explore the animals that can be found in different habitats. Pupils will have the opportunity to make their own motor cart!

PE / GAMES: Pupils will participate in a number of games and fitness activities over the next term. A reminder that PE kits are to be worn on **Mondays** – preferably with trainers suitable for outdoor activities.

READING BOOKS: Reading books and diaries will be sent home on a **Monday**. It is hoped that parents / carers can hear their children read **Monday – Thursday**. The pupils will return the books and their diary to school on a **Friday**.

START / END OF DAY: We will continue with the staggered times at the start and the end of the day. Year 4 start at **8.45 am prompt** – ‘early bird’ activities give pupils the opportunity to consolidate and revise previous learning so it is important they are on time. Pupils will be dismissed at **3.15 pm**. (Younger siblings can be dropped off and picked up at the time of the oldest sibling.)

HOMEWORK: Pupils have log in details for a number of on-line programs. Weekly **SPaG.com** and **MyMaths.co.uk** activities will be set.

HOME LEARNING: For any pupils not in school, there are activities to complete at home. Go to the website: heroncrossprimary.co.uk and follow: **children / classes / year 4 / home learning**

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school either by phone: **01782 233565** or email: queries@heroncross.org.uk