

Hedgehogs Learning Update

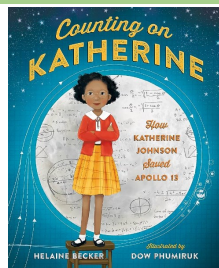
Week Ending 15.09.2023

We have hit the ground running in Year 4 and have already produced a piece of writing about the Space Race in our English lessons and learnt all about the digestive system in science! We have also picked up our history from a similar place, leaving behind the Persians and focussing on the Ancient Greeks. In geography, we have started our topic of volcanoes.

Thanks, Miss Haycox & Miss Badger

Writing

Our text this term is *Counting on Katherine*, a non-fiction text about Katherine Johnson.



Suggested Writing Activity:

We haven't read much of the book yet, so see if you can make some predictions based on these questions:

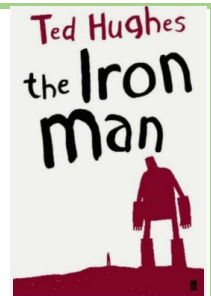
How do you think Katherine helped the USA in the Space Race?

Do you think she went into space or did she have a different role?

Do you think she wanted to go into space?

Reading

Our whole class reading text for the next few weeks is *The Iron Man*.



Suggested Reading Activity:

We haven't met the Iron Man properly in our text yet. What do you think they will be like?

Who do you think our main characters might be?

What might be the **same** about this story and *The Wild Robot*?
What might be **different**?

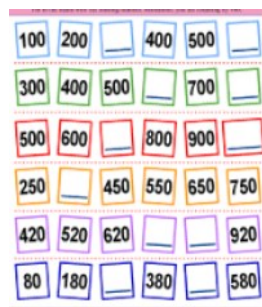
Maths

This week we have practised counting in hundreds and twenty-fives.

Can you test yourselves and see how high you can count in 100s or 25s?

Can you do it backwards?

We will also be launching TT Rockstars soon so children can practise their times tables. In the mean time, can they test themselves on their 2s, 5s, 10s, 3s, 4s, and 8s?



Reading Records

Children should be reading regularly at home, and in Year 4, we want them to develop more independence.

We have talked about the new reading diaries, and how they look slightly different. Children have been encouraged to start to complete these themselves. However, they might want a bit of help for the first few weeks, so please do have a look. In the front cover there are useful questions for children to think about as prompts too.



Spelling

As you will have hopefully seen, we are going to be doing weekly spelling tests, with each test being repeated once the following week to see if we can beat our scores. We had our first test on 15/09/2023 and will be having another go on 22/09/2023. The words are:

(adding the prefix **mis-**) misplace, mislead, misspell, misbehave, misunderstand
(Year 3 / 4 words) believe, century, consider, different, difficult

Polite warning!

A polite warning, that there has been a few incidents of nits in class. Please can we remind children with long hair to make sure it is tied up. Hairspray is supposed to be good for deterring them, as well as tea tree shampoo/conditioner, however these aren't foolproof methods.

Weekly reminders

Mondays – Reading books and library books.

Thursdays – PE afternoon (come to school in PE kit)

