



19th January 2024

Dear Families

Don't worry we're not moving to two newsletters a week (the printer couldn't handle it). We're just getting back to our usual Friday roundup.

The children all loved the snow that fell yesterday, there was enough for snowballs to be flying around the playground! Thank you for your understanding regarding the late opening. We didn't want people to travel whilst the roads were dangerous.

The refurbishment meeting on Tuesday was well attended. We thank you for coming along and asking your thoughtful questions.

Because of the snow the phonics morning for parents was postponed. We are pleased to announce that it will now be held next Thursday (25th January).

Did you see our latest fantastic SATS results mentioned in the press? Take a look at <https://www.cornish-times.co.uk/news/revealed-the-primary-schools-in-cornwall-with-the-best-reading-writing-and-maths-attainment-660996>.

Most clubs started this week - but don't forget that First Aid club starts next week - Thursday at 8.15am.

Stars of the Week

Choughs: Ursula - for the three 'Rs': Super rhyming, incredible resilience and really careful weaving. What a superstar!

Puffins: Jack P - showing wonderful resilience last week and keeping really positive.

Attendance (YTD)

Whole school = 94%

Choughs = 91%

Puffins = 96%

Diary Dates

2023 - 2024

Term	Spring
Term starts	Thu 04/01/2024
Term Ends	Thu 28/03/2024
Half term starts	Mon 12/02/2024
Half term ends	Fri 16/02/2024
Event	Date
Parents' phonics session	Thu 25/01/2024
Little Levans	Fri 26/01/2024
Children's Mental Health Week starts	Mon 05/02/2024
Whole school trip to Sennen (Choughs RNLI / Puffins Beach)	Wed 07/02/2024
Little Levans	Fri 09/02/2024
Last day before half term	Fri 09/02/2024
First day back after half term	Mon 19/02/2024
Choughs trip to PZ Fire station	Tue 20/02/2024
World book day	Thu 07/03/2024
Multi-skills event @ St Just Sports Centre (year 3/4) 1.45pm-3pm	Fri 08/03/2024
Family lunch day	Fri 08/03/2024
Parent consultations	Wed 13/03/2024
Parent consultations	Thu 14/03/2024
Red nose day	Fri 15/03/2024
Community duck race	Thu 28/03/2024
Last day of term	Thu 28/03/2024

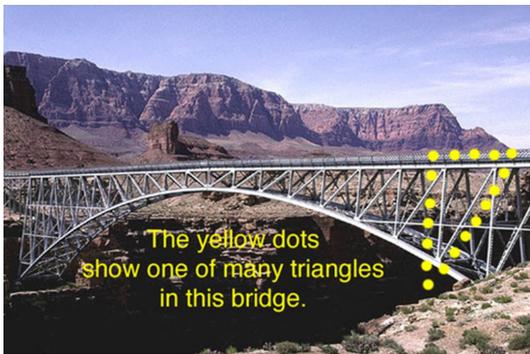
Term	Summer
Term starts	Mon 15/04/2024
Term Ends	Wed 24/07/2024
Half term starts	Mon 27/05/2024
Half term ends	Fri 31/05/2024
Event	Date
Back to school	Mon 15/04/2024
School camp starts	Tue 30/04/2024
School camp ends	Thu 02/05/2024
INSET day	Fri 03/05/2024
Bank holiday	Mon 06/05/2024
KS2 SATS week starts	Mon 13/05/2024
KS2 SATS week ends	Fri 17/05/2024
Last day before half term	Fri 24/05/2024
First day back after half term	Mon 03/06/2024
Multi-skills event @ St Just Sports Centre (year 1/2) 1.45pm-3pm	Fri 07/06/2024
Family lunch day	Fri 14/06/2024
Year 2/3 sleepover	Thu 20/06/2024
Sports day	Thu 27/06/2024
Sports day backup	Thu 11/07/2024
School reports issued	Fri 12/07/2024
Whole school transition day	Mon 15/07/2024
Parent consultations (if required post school reports issued)	Tue 16/07/2024
Lafrowda day	Sat 20/07/2024
Leavers assembly	Mon 22/07/2024
Last school day!	Tue 23/07/2024
INSET day	Wed 24/07/2024



He's back - an evil villain is plotting to destroy the city. We need a superhero!

Challenge

This time, he is targeting the tall buildings in the city: the skyscrapers! We must design new, super-strong towers immediately and save the city! You will need: newspaper, sellotape.



The yellow dots show one of many triangles in this bridge.

Superheroes in Choughs

After this devil dude targeted the city's bridges last week, the Choughs built reinforced paper structures made stronger by folding. This week, they needed to rise to the challenge of constructing the tallest tower they could using the power of triangles! We looked at examples of how engineers use triangles in construction to make structures stronger and more stable. We then put this into practice on our own team towers!



The Iron Man Falls...

Puffins have been exploring different writing features this week including repetition for effect and short snappy sentences in contrast with longer sentences beginning with subordinating conjunctions. We have thought about how we can successfully use onomatopoeia and how brackets can help us share the emotions of a character.

We have tried these skills out in a retelling of the moment the Iron Man (by Ted Hughes) falls down the cliff...

*A lullaby of starlings lured him closer.
A melody of the sea beckoned him
to join. A tune of the gale sung to
make him come.*

*Falling, crashing, toppling,
descending down, down, down.
Crash! Scrape! Bang!*

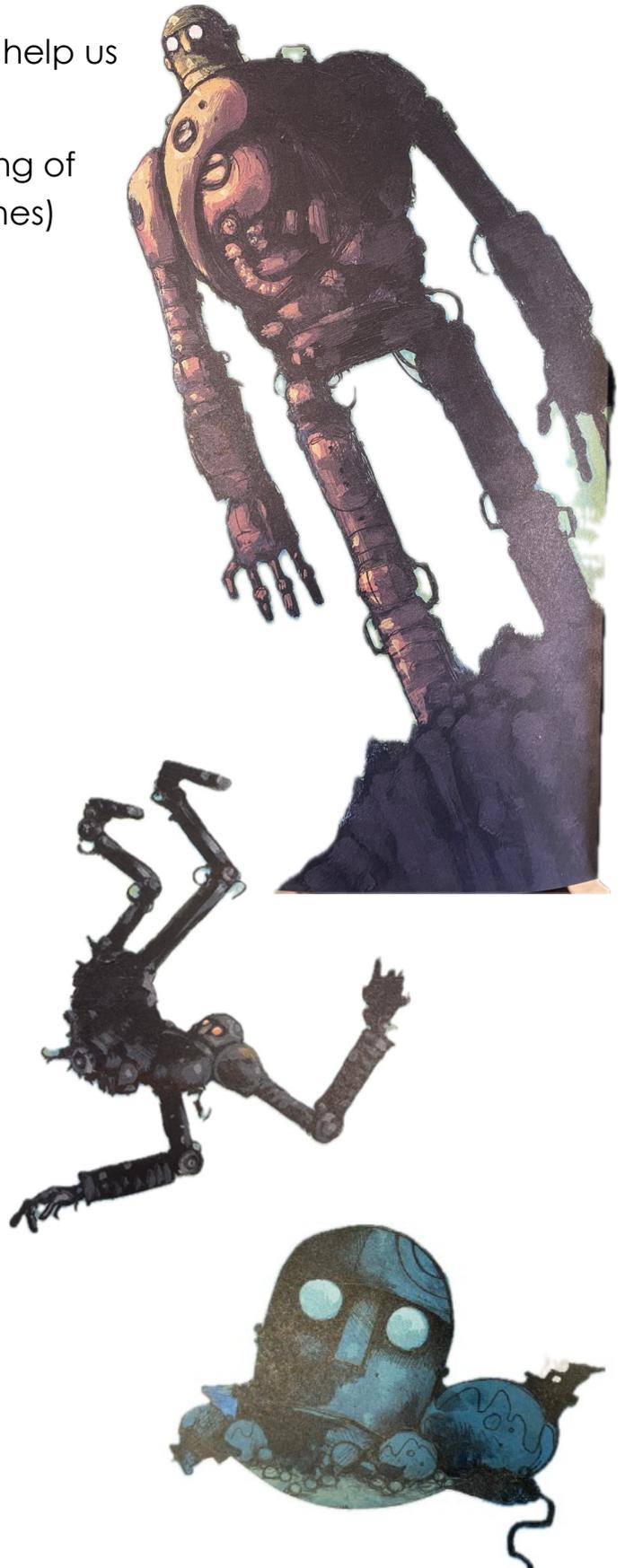
*Ledge to ledge the Iron Man dived.
Wall to wall, pebble to pebble, crag
to crag, he plunged and crashed.*

*Then the last little fragment of the Iron
Man fell. Tink.*

Peace. Silence. Nothing.

*As the Iron Man opened his eyes, he
saw crabs scuttling across the dark
and lonely beach; he wished he
could too. He heard the sea lapping
up against the rocks coming closer
and closer to his broken body parts.*

*He realised (to his shock) that he had
broken into many different parts. He
was shocked.*



Maths Club 1 - Doubling

Maths club started this week - have a look at the puzzle posed.



Puss in Boots earns money by catching rabbits and selling them to the King. The King pays Puss in Boots £100 for each rabbit.

£1 is the same as one hundred 1p coins (as you know, there are 100 pennies in a pound).

So if the King paid Puss in Boots in pennies then each rabbit would cost: £100x100 (pennies in a pound) = 10,000 pennies.

That is a lot of 1p coins!

Now Puss in Boots is good at Maths and he offers the King a different way to pay him for this rabbit.

"Your Majesty, instead of paying me 10,000 pennies for this rabbit, I ask for 1 pence on the first square of this chessboard, then 2 pence on the second square, four pence on the third square then 8 pence and so on, doubling the number of pence each time until all 64 squares are filled", said Puss in Boots.

Now the King is not very good at Maths and summons you to give him advice on how he should pay Puss in Boots.

Will the King pay less than 10,000 pennies for the rabbit if he puts money on the chessboard instead?



Snow!



Parent information



Parenting courses

The Early Help Hub have begun offering free courses aimed at parents of primary school pupils. Many parents have benefited from these courses.

Please visit the following website for more information:

<https://www.supportincornwall.org.uk/kb5/cornwall/directory/integratedworking.page?integratedworkingchannel=1>

A screenshot of the Common Sense Media website. At the top left is the logo 'common sense media' with a green checkmark icon. To the right is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Find movies, books, and more ...'. Below the search bar is a green navigation bar with white text links: 'Movies', 'TV', 'Books', 'Games', 'Podcasts', 'Apps', 'YouTube', 'Parent Tips and FAQs', and 'Celebrating Community'. Below the navigation bar is a white section with the heading 'Ratings and reviews parents trust'. Underneath the heading are six circular icons in a row, each with a label below it: a green icon for 'Movies', a blue icon for 'TV', a purple icon for 'Books', a red icon for 'Games', a pink icon for 'Podcasts', and a purple icon for 'Apps'.

Online safety

Keeping children safe online is essential. This website has a range of tools to support parents. We highly recommend you have a look:

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>