



HAWK CLASS

TERM 5 NEWSLETTER

Dear parents,

We hope that you have had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. It is remarkable to think that we are now already starting the summer term. As ever, terms 5 and 6 promise to be very busy!

THIS TERM'S ENQUIRIES

Our enquiry this term is called *Why Are Shadows Important?* and will give our pupils the opportunity to investigate how light travels as well as how the eye uses light to see. In addition - as artists - they will explore both photography and architecture, looking at light and shade.

SATS TIMETABLE

SATS week commences on Monday 13th May, the fifth week of the term. The timetable for the week is as follows:

MONDAY 13 th MAY	English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, Papers 1 and 2 <i>The first test lasts 45 minutes and contains 50 questions about general grammar and punctuation.</i> <i>Test 2 is a spellings test. Children will write 20 words in the spaces provided on their test sheet.</i>
TUESDAY 14 th MAY	English Reading <i>This is a 60 minute reading test.</i>
WEDNESDAY 15 th MAY	Mathematics, Papers 1 and 2 <i>Paper 1 is the 30 minute arithmetic test. Paper 2 is a 40 minute reasoning paper.</i>
THURSDAY 16 th MAY	Mathematics, Paper 3 <i>Paper 3 is the second 40 minute reasoning paper.</i>

All the tests will be taken in the mornings. They will mainly be taken in the hall and will all be administered by the staff at the school, using the strict guidance given by the government's Standards and Testing Agency. This guidance states what can be read to children and details other appropriate access arrangements such as separate rooms, extra time allowances, rest breaks and scribes.

SATS BREAKFASTS

We will be having special breakfasts every day during SATs week for the Year 6 children. These not only provide good food, but they also give the children an opportunity to relax with their friends before the tests. Children should enter school through the usual gate at 8 o' clock. Please note that there is no charge for the Year 6 SATs breakfasts.

READING

Please continue to ensure that your child reads at home. Even if they can read fluently, it is still important that they regularly read high quality texts. As a result, they will continue to expand their knowledge of vocabulary and will also broaden their knowledge of the world around them. This, in turn, has an impact on their ability to infer information.

Reading to your child in Years 5 and 6 is still recommended. You may choose a story that he/she might otherwise feel too challenging to tackle. We encourage pupils to read aloud in class, thus developing a reading voice (which also helps develop their understanding of punctuation choices and sentence structure). For this reason, we would recommend that you give your child opportunities to read to you.

Please do not forget to complete the home reading record on a weekly basis and send this in to school on homework day (Thursday).

P.E.

PE days will continue to be on Thursday and Friday. Cricket and Outdoor Adventurous Activities will be taught this term.

RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION (RSE)

We will be teaching RSE after half term. Before our first session, we will be holding a meeting on Monday 13th May at 3:05pm to give parents the opportunity to see the materials that we will use and to discuss the content. The materials have been updated in line with statutory guidance and are from our Jigsaw scheme of work, which is recommended by the local authority.

SATS REVISION SESSIONS

We will continue to provide revision sessions to support the Year 6 pupils with Maths and Grammar in the build up to the SATs week, which begins on May 13th. These are not compulsory. If they are going to attend, pupils should come to the school at 7:55am ready for an 8am start. Tuesday sessions will focus on grammar, whilst Friday ones will be maths-linked.

SUN PROTECTION

Yes, it is that time of year again! Please make sure that your child is protected from the sun during the (hopefully) hotter months ahead. Sun cream should be applied at

home before the start of the day and hats can be brought in. Children should also come to school with water bottles.

With best wishes,

Mr Riddington and Mrs Tilsley.

HAWK CLASS - OUR CURRICULUM IN TERM 5

AUTHOR

Class book: Holes by Louis Sachar.

Character, setting and atmosphere descriptions

Narratives

Explanation text

MATHEMATICIAN

Statistics

Algebra

Ratio

Circles

Co-ordinates and translation

Formulae

Equivalent fractions and decimals

Area of shapes

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SCIENTIST

Light:

- recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines;
- use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye;
- explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes;
- use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.

ARTIST

- Improve mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials [for example, pencil, charcoal, paint, clay]
- Learn about great artists, architects and designers in history (Louis Kahn – architect – and Kumi Yamashita – photographer)
- Create sketchbooks to record observations and use them to review and revisit ideas

P.E.

Cricket

Outdoor Adventurous Activities

LINGUIST

French with Madame Fuller

R.E.

What sort of king is Jesus?

JIGSAW

Relationships

MUSIC

Music and me

OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Science workshops (April 29th)

Bank Holiday (May 6th)

SATS week (starts May 13th)

Spirited Arts Day (May 17th) and showcase (May 24th)

Outdoor Learning Day (May 20th)