



HAWK CLASS

TERM 2 NEWSLETTER

Dear parents,

We hope that you have enjoyed a relaxing half term.

Here is a quick update on the learning that will take place in Term 2.

ENQUIRY: HOW ARE YOU HELPING TO SAVE OUR PLANET?

This enquiry combines engineering, scientific and geographical skills. As engineers, our pupils will look at solving environmental issues within our local community and consider which materials are more eco-friendly than others. As geographers, they will consider arguments for and against deforestation. Finally, as scientists, they will look at interdependence within habitats and learn more about the life cycles of plants and animals.

READING

Well done to our pupils who have read so much at home this term. Well over half the class managed to read on average five times per week and have reached the top of our home reading challenge wallchart. Please keep up the good work and bring in the reading records every Thursday morning, together with the homework. A signature from an adult is required to confirm that the reading has taken place. Should you lose the reading record, simply bring in a sheet of paper with dates, what has been read and a signature.

Following a few conversations at parents evening last term, we would encourage adults to continue to read to children throughout their time in Hawk class, choosing books that might be too hard for their child to enjoy on their own. This will help develop vocabulary, learn new story scenarios and continue to enjoy the wonder of reading. Inference is the key reading comprehension skill in Years 5 and 6, so it will help your child immensely if you can check his/her understanding of messages implied in a text without being made fully explicit.

PRACTICE TESTS

Now that the class has settled into the rhythm of the new academic year, we are in a position to set a few practice papers so that children can familiarize themselves with SATs exams. Year 6 children will have mock SATs tests over the next couple of weeks. Children in Year 5 will have different tests at the same time.

PE DAYS

We will continue to have Future Stars session on Thursdays and PE sessions on Wednesdays. Next term's swimming sessions are on the following dates:

- 6th November
- 13th November
- 20th November

PANTOMIME

It's coming up to that time of year again – oh yes it is! We will be having our auditions for this year's pantomime on the first Friday back after the holiday. Children have been given a script with which to practice for their audition. We will be in touch shortly to state what costumes your child will need to wear for this year's production of Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies. Thank you in advance for your help with the show.

STRINGS CONCERT

Hawks have been learning how to play a stringed instrument on Thursday mornings and are currently preparing for a concert to which you are invited. The performance will be on Thursday 5th December, starting at 9:30am.

GET IN TOUCH

If you have any queries, please get in touch. We are happy to contact you to discuss your child's learning at the end of the school day.

Mr Riddington and Mrs Tilsley.

HAWK CLASS - OUR CURRICULUM IN TERM 2

AUTHOR

Class books: Orion Lost by Alastair Chisholm and The Promise by Nicola Davies

Portal story – setting focus

Balanced argument

Innovation: Should plastics be banned?

Independent Application: Should we have a park and ride in our village?

MATHEMATICIAN

Fractions (including equivalent fractions, converting mixed numbers to improper fractions and adding and subtracting fractions)

Multiplication and Division

THIS TERM'S ENQUIRY IS CALLED 'HOW ARE YOU HELPING TO SAVE OUR PLANET?'

SCIENTIST

Why should we protect our trees?

What is the life cycle of a plant?

Do animals have different life cycles?

GEOGRAPHER

What are the arguments for and against deforestation?

ENGINEER

What materials are good for the environment?

What can I do to improve our environment?

R.E.

What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?

JIGSAW

Celebrating difference

MUSIC

Strings

COMPUTING

Spreadsheets

P.E.

Dance (Future Stars)

Swimming

OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Swimming lessons at Yate Pool (Wednesday 6th, 13th & 20th November)

School Photographer (6th November)

Pantomime auditions (8th November)

Anti-bullying week (w/c 11th November)

Inset Day (29th November)

Strings concert (5th December)

KLB Science Outreach afternoon (11th December)

KS2 production (17th December)

Christingle service (20th December)

