



# HAWK CLASS

## TERM 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear parents,

We hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas break.

Here is a quick update on the learning that will take place in Term 3.

### **CURRICULUM**

Our enquiry this term is called 'How Can Science Help The homeless?' Working as scientists, our pupils will learn about materials and their properties as well as reversible and irreversible changes. They will also consider which materials are best suited to different environments. In addition to this, we will also look at a second enquiry: What do forces actually do? This will strengthen our pupils knowledge as scientists and engineers.

Mrs Tilsley will be teaching the class on Thursday mornings up until 11 o'clock. She will be teaching Music and Computing during this time. I will continue to teach English and Maths on Thursdays.

### **SWIMMING AND P.E.**

We have three more swimming sessions at Yate Pool. Please could you ensure that children come to school with their swimming bag on the following dates:

- Wednesday January 8<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday January 22<sup>nd</sup>

When swimming ends, we will have our PE lessons on Wednesdays. Future Stars sessions will continue on Thursdays.

### **READING**

Thank you for your continued support with reading at home. This year we have had the best engagement with home reading ever in Hawks with the majority of children reading at least five days per week outside of school. Please keep up the good work!

All children should bring in their reading records on Thursday mornings together with their homework books..

This term's class book is Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotsen.

**OUTDOOR CLOTHING**

We hope to continue to use the playing field whenever possible at break and lunchtimes. As you can imagine, it gets quite muddy at this time of year. For this reason, children need to bring in a pair of trainers for outdoor play. Those choosing to play football should wear tracksuit trousers or outdoor trousers so that their uniforms do not get covered with mud!

**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.

With best wishes,

Mr Riddington and Mrs Tilsley.

## HAWK CLASS - OUR CURRICULUM IN TERM 3

### **AUTHOR**

*Class book: Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotsen*

**Rags to riches tale** – suspense focus

#### **Instructions/explanation:**

Innovation: How to find an effective shelter if you are homeless

Independent Application: How to make a kit for homeless people

*Recount diary (short burst write)*

### **MATHEMATICIAN**

Fractions, decimals and percentages,

Proportion and ratio

Algebra

### **THIS TERM'S ENQUIRY IS CALLED 'HOW CAN SCIENCE HELP THE HOMELESS?'**

#### **SCIENTIST**

Compare properties of materials

Dissolving materials and recovering them

Give reasons for use of materials

Reversible changes

Irreversible changes

#### **ENGINEER**

Using pulleys

#### **R.E.**

What does it mean if God is holy and loving?

#### **JIGSAW**

Dreams and Goals

#### **MUSIC**

Melody and Harmony in Music

#### **P.E.**

Basketball/hockey (Future Stars)

Swimming

#### **OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

Prayer spaces (15<sup>th</sup> January)

Children's Mental Health Week (Starts 3<sup>rd</sup> February)

Outdoor Learning Day at Westonbirt Arboretum (10<sup>th</sup> February)

Safer Internet Day (11<sup>th</sup> February)

Active Travel Workshop (11<sup>th</sup> February)