



# 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 DO WE LOOK AFTER OURSELVES**

We will be scientists over the coming weeks, discussing how we lead a healthy lifestyle. We will investigate how the circulatory system works and consider how our pulse changes when we do exercise. We will also learn why we need to have a balanced diet. In addition to all this, as historians, we will look at some inventions that have had a significant impact over the years, conduct research about them and debate which one was the most important. On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, we will have a morning dedicated to first aid training, which will be delivered by Daisy First Aid.

### **READING**

Thank you to the many parents who have continued to complete our home reading records. It has been a great term for reading in Hawks with three quarters of the class set to receive a reading certificate for reading regularly at home. Please remember to send your child's home reading record to school (together with the homework books) on Thursdays.

Please continue to read to your children. It doesn't have to be a huge novel; it could be an article from a magazine or something from the internet. Research shows that parents reading to their children throughout their primary education has a significant effect on their learning and sets them up to read for pleasure.

### **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 a couple of practice SATs tests over the coming weeks. Children in Year 5 will have different tests at the same time.

### **TRIP TO LONDON**

Just a reminder that our trip to London is on Tuesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be visiting the Natural History Museum as well as the Houses of Parliament. Our coach must leave at 8:30am so we ask that children are in school for 8:10 so that we can register the class and get them ready for the coach trip. Please note that, as our workshop finishes at 4:10pm, we will be returning in the early evening. As traffic can be unpredictable coming out of London, we will send text messages to let you know when we are approaching Hawkesbury so that you are not kept waiting for us to arrive. More details will follow.

## **SWIMMING AND PE**

Swimming dates for this term are:

Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Monday November 10<sup>th</sup>

Monday November 17<sup>th</sup>

Children will have PE on Monday afternoons after swimming has finished, so please ensure that they come to school in PE kits at the start of the week.

## **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: A range of biographies.

#### Writing

Greek Myth (Conquering the monster). We will use a dialogue toolkit

Non-fiction: Instructions & explanation about First Aid

Biography of Edward Jenner

### MATHEMATICIAN

Multiplication and division

Area, perimeter and volume

Fractions

### THIS TERM'S ENQUIRY IS CALLED 'HOW DO WE LOOK AFTER OURSELVES?'

#### SCIENTIST

##### Working scientifically:

- identifying scientific evidence that has been used to support or refute ideas or arguments;
- understanding who the leading figures in scientific thought are and what they have achieved

##### Animals including humans:

- identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood;
- recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function; - describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.

#### HISTORIAN

##### Historian skills:

- note connections and contrasts over time and regularly address and sometimes devise historically valid questions about change, cause, similarity and difference, and significance

##### Historian knowledge:

- Local history study - local medical pioneer

#### R.E.

Was Jesus the Messiah?

#### P.E.

Gymnastics (Future Stars)

Swimming

#### COMPUTING

Why is copyright important?

#### JIGSAW

Celebrating difference

#### ENGINEERING

Moving toys using cams.

#### OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Anti Bullying week (begins 10<sup>th</sup> November)

Trip to London (2<sup>nd</sup> December)

First Aid session (5<sup>th</sup> December)

Trip to Redgrave Theatre (8<sup>th</sup> December)

Panto performances (16<sup>th</sup> December)

Christingle Service (19<sup>th</sup> December)

