



Hawks Class Newsletter Summer Term 2018

<p>English</p>	<p>Our Literacy work this term will be centred around our class work and the books 'Wonder' and 'Skellig'. We will be writing biographies (both real and fictional), stories, instructions, advertisements, information leaflets on Hilltop and even a SAT survival guide for future Year 6s. Throughout the term we will be ensuring that our handwriting is fluent, legible and joined. We will also be focusing on ensuring that our spelling is accurate, using a dictionary to check words we are unsure of in all our writing. We will also work towards mastering all the punctuation marks and sentence structures we have learnt about so we can confidently and consistently use these in our everyday writing.</p>
<p>Maths</p>	<p>This term we will be aiming to master the mathematical skills we have been learning throughout year 6. As in previous terms during and after each maths session the children's understanding will be assessed in order to ensure that they are appropriately challenged or supported in their learning. We will be ensuring that all pupils are confident in their key skills such as dividing, multiplying, adding and subtracting and that they can also accurately calculate using fractions, as well as work with percentages, angles, shape, scale and ratio. We will continue to apply our calculation skills to solve reasoning problems.</p>
<p>Science</p>	<p>This term we will be starting investigating our new topic of Evolution and Inheritance. We will be learning about how living things have evolved over time and the importance of fossils in learning about creatures who lived on the Earth millions of years ago. We will be learning how creatures produce young which although not identical are similar to their parents. We will also be learning about how animals and plants adapt to their environment and about how this adaptation can lead to evolution. During this topic we will be learning about the work of important Scientists such as Darwin and the famous Victorian palaeontologist, Mary Anning.</p>
<p>Geography and History</p>	<p>We will start this term continuing our Democracy topic by finding out about the suffragette movement and learning about how our country is ruled today. We will then move onto our Geography based unit 'Land Ahoy'. We will be setting off to the high seas with Darwin to search of new lands and high adventure. Before departing we will be honing our geographical skills learning sampling techniques, looking at different types of maps, learning how to use grid references and creating our own maps. Once we are ready we will set sail to the Americas learning about the geography of the area and the animals that live there. We might even find our own deserted island paradise and create our own creatures and plants to inhabit it.</p>
<p>Computing</p>	<p>This term we will be learning how to be bloggers, keeping posts up to date and leaving comments in a respectful manner. We will also be learning how to use spread sheets, a skill we will utilise to manage our accounts during our enterprise project. As well as this we will continue to discuss how to keep ourselves safe online.</p>

<p>Art & Design Technology</p> 	<p>We will be looking at the work of a range of sculptures including Henry Moore, Dame Barbara Hepworth and Robert Long and, inspired by their work, we will be creating our own abstract creations. Later in the term we will be examining different types of bread and will be designing and baking our own recipes. Mary Berry watch out! As part of our enterprise challenge we will be busy innovating, creating our own produces which we will market and sell.</p>
<p>Music</p> 	<p>This term we will be basing our performing and composing on the song 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams and other upbeat compositions. In addition to this composing work we will be learning and performing the music for our Upper KS2 production.</p>
<p>PSHE</p> 	<p>Our PSHE theme for the 1st half term will be on Working together: learning to work as a team, developing good communication skills and decision making. We will also be learning how to develop our perseverance and to overcome barriers to complete a task. During the second half term our units will be 'Sex and Relationships' and 'Body Image'. We will be recapping on our previous work on puberty and learning about the human lifecycle including sexual intercourse. We will be discussing growing up, focusing on recognising our changing emotions and how to express feelings in a constructive way. We will also be looking at our responsibilities for the feelings and well-being of others. Finally we will be learning to understand and respect a wide range of family arrangements e.g. second marriages, fostering, same sex partners and extended families.</p>
<p>Physical Education</p> 	<p>This term our dance will be based on the theme of 'Football fans' we will also be looking to include dances into our production. In our gymnastics sessions we will continue to develop our posture and refine our movements. During the second half term we will be outside and active at Hilltop. We will also take part in athletics activities and will make the most of any sporting opportunities which present themselves during the term.</p>
<p>Religious Education</p> 	<p>This term we will be looking at how Jesus is presented in art. We will be looking at the quote 'Who do you say I am?' and discussing this in relation to different images, both modern and old. We will also be studying Buddhism and learning about the key features of this religion, focusing on the question 'Can we all be enlightened?'.</p>
<p>MFL</p> 	<p>This term we will continue to recap the conversational language we have learnt so far by taking part in conversations and trying to develop our fluency and confidence. We will also try to write some simple sentences.</p>
<p>Other Information</p> 	<p>This promises to be a busy and exciting term with SATs taking place on the week starting the 14th May, Hilltop on the 6th - 8th June, productions on the 16th and 17th July and leavers assembly on the 24th July to list but a few dates. I hope this will be a happy and memorable term to end the pupils' time at Houghton Primary. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.</p> <p><i>Mrs Frances Smith</i></p>