

Hawks Autumn First Half Term Newsletter – September 2020

Welcome to Hawks! We have had an excellent start to the new school year and the children have settled well into their new class. We are looking forward to a wonderful year together.



Mrs Cheetham will be teaching on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Gore will teach on Thursday and Friday. Please feel free to communicate with either of us via the home/school diary, emailing the school office or telephone. Mrs Travis will also teach on Wednesday morning.

Our new Geography topic will be all about the UK. You might start to look at atlases and maps of the UK at home in preparation for our learning. In addition we will be learning about Sound in Science. We will be learning about the artist Joseph Raffael and using his work as our inspiration.

Below are a few reminders to help you:

Homework

Homework books will be given out next Friday (11th September). This will continue to include a sheet for parents to sign to confirm their child has completed their homework, please ensure you check your child's homework and sign this each week. Homework needs to be returned by the following Tuesday.

Wider Opportunities Music

We are very fortunate to take part in the Wigan Wider Opportunities Music program. This gives all our class the opportunity to learn how to play 3 different percussion instruments during their time in Year 4. The lessons are taught by Mr Perry every Tuesday afternoon. It is a wonderful experience which the children will love.

Multiplication Challenge

It is important that children continue to learn multiplication facts and practise regularly. Quick recall of the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables is a starting point. This is followed by 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables. When children know these confidently, they can learn 6, 7 and 9 multiplication tables. By the end of Year 4, it is expected that children know all multiplication up to x12. Please support your child with this practise of the multiplication they are up to. The children all participate in our Multiplication Challenge each Thursday morning. When they have successfully answered all questions for a particular multiplication table this will be marked on the class chart. A badge is awarded for Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum level.

Reading

Please support your child's learning in school by reading with them at least 3 times a week. Reading books will be changed once a week, on a Thursday. If your child finishes their book before they are due to change it then they can read it again, read another book from home, read a magazine or comic, read online news articles, or access Serial Mash on Purple Mash. Any reading is valuable and should be recorded in the home/school diary. We will record children's reading at home when we check home/school diaries each Thursday.

Home/School Diary

Please use this for communication with us, however, if you would rather speak to us in person please email or ring the office so we can arrange a mutually convenient time. We would appreciate it if you would let your child know if you have written a message in the diary so we ensure we read it promptly.

At the back of the home/ school diary there is lots of information to support your child's learning. Please use this if you would like to complete any extra work with your child or to help with homework.

There are some consent forms at the front of the diary which you need to read and sign as soon as possible.

PE

PE will take place on Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school, with each item of clothing labelled. No earrings should be worn on PE days.

Thank you.

Mrs Cheetham and Mrs Gore