



Hawks Class Newsletter 1.10.18

Dear Parents,

The children are now settled into their daily routines at school. I am so impressed with their attitudes to learning and how they have coped with the changes of staff through the week:

- Myself every morning for all the maths and English
- Mrs Dunne - Monday and Tuesday afternoon for Science and Topic
- Mr Pearson for PE - Wednesdays and Fridays
- Mr Corker for music lessons - Fridays
- Mr Corker also teaches individual instruments to those who have requested it (woodwind, brass, keyboards, guitar) on a Wednesday and Friday morning
- Mrs Winfield for RE - Wednesday pm
- A variety of staff on a Thursday afternoon as the children rotate around 4 activities: Tai Chi/Mindfulness, Art/Craft, French/Computing and Enterprise

Already this term, we have reviewed our class rules (thinking about our rights as learners and how we can learn best in the classroom). We have been discussing our reward systems and the children would like to continue the use of: raffle tickets to win small prizes; house points to win a reward for the whole house team such as a non-uniform day; 'Hawk of the day' a larger prize when they have won this 5 times; certificates for meeting set targets; 'Star Writer' where the child has their fantastic work displayed in a frame in class; and Headteacher awards which are given for exceptional pieces of work.

Responsibilities:

- Every child has chosen a job they would like to be responsible for such as: librarians, assembly leaders, ICT champs, equipment monitors etc.
- All the class are Mini-Sports Leaders and are on a rotation to organise sports activities on a Thursday and Friday lunchtime.
- This week, we shall be getting our new hamsters. All the children will be responsible for taking care of them. They will need a safe and cosy home over the holidays so if you are willing to look after one of our class pets, then please let me know.

Homework for this term:

I have been extremely impressed that every child handed their homework in this week. WOW!

The quality of the topic work is fabulous and I look forward to seeing some more! Remember: each Friday your child will bring home a piece of English and/or maths as well as being able to choose piece of Topic work as on the sheet in their homework book. Should they choose to do a different piece of topic that they are really interested in, that would be acceptable too. It would be very helpful for us to know how long the piece has taken and how much help they needed so we can adjust future work.

Although we do hear your child read in school (individually and also within guided groups) at least twice a week, it is still important for them to do regular practice at home which could be their school book or any other reading material. Also, the children can be learning their tables.

Work for this term:

- English - Greek myths (Theseus and the Minotaur); Reports (linked to our History); Explanations; Travel Writing (Greece); Poetry (The Walrus and the Carpenter); Poetry (Cinquains); a book study
- Maths - place value; Roman Numerals; Multiples, Factors and Primes; written addition and subtraction; Time; multiplication and division; Geometry (Angles and Shape)
- History - Ancient Greece
- Geography - Worldwide Human Geography - Cities
- Art - Light and Dark; clay pots
- DT - battery operated lights - torches
- Science - electricity

If you would like to know about the curriculum in more detail then please do come and ask and if you feel you can offer us support in any way e.g. hearing children read, running clubs, helping with trips...please do let us know. We look forward to working with you.

Yours sincerely
Miss Fisher