



Welcome to Hawking's first class newsletter. This half term, we have been focussing on the school value of kindness. We have seen some fantastic acts of kindness in Hawking class so well done to all of the children.

As you can see, we have a lot of fantastic learning ahead of us this half term. In order to celebrate the children's work, you are invited to a curriculum open evening on Thursday 20th October 2022. During this open evening, you will have the opportunity to visit the classroom, look at your child's work over this half term and talk to me.

Maths

In maths this half term, we have been focussing on the notion of place value, involving numbers up to ten million. In addition to this, the children will begin the process of becoming experts in identifying prime numbers, common factors, multiples and will be able to square and cube numbers with ease. Before moving onto long multiplication and division.

DT:

This term, we are having a dedicated day for DT. We believe that giving a whole day for this subject will mean the children will have time to plan, create and improve their designs. This term, the children will become cooking connoisseurs by taking part in their very own 'Come Dine with Me.' competition.

Science:

Be prepared for your child to become anatomy experts. This half term, we will be focussing on the human body, particularly focussing on the heart, lungs and blood vessels. The children will have the opportunities to explore the human body through different mediums including practical learning—seeing the journey blood takes through our bodies.

Geography/History:

As historians we will become fully immersed in World War One, where the children will discover the causes and consequences of the war and what life was like on the home front. By the end of the unit the children will produce a non-chronological report.

As geologists, the children will take on the challenge of understanding time zones (linking with lines of longitude and latitude) and map reading to gain a insight into data about places, people and the environment.

English:

This half term our writing is based around 'Varmints' by Helen Ward. Over the weeks the children will gain the skills to write a story involving metaphors, personification and similes. The children will learn how to begin sentences with different word classes to enhance imagery for the reader. Alongside our writing lessons, the children will be exposed to reading skills such as text marking that will aid success in their future exams.

Computing:

Ready, set, code! With a world that is ever changing in terms of technology, the children are going to get an insight into coding used in today's society. In addition to this, the children will use software that is used to create company logos. The children will also learn the importance of internet safety and how this can have an impact on mental health.

PE:

Children of Luther-King are diving to new depths in our swimming lessons. This half term, the children are building on skills learnt last year and aiming to pass the swimming standard for primary aged children.

In school, we are taking part in badminton lessons, where we are learning how to serve, win points and defend.

PSHE & RE:

In PSHE we are focussing on the notion of respect and challenging stereotypes. This half term, in RE, we are learning about Sikhism, particularly focussing on how Sikhs show devotion to their faith through traditions and ceremonies.

Music:

Lights, camera and action! The children are in for a treat this half term. In music, the children will learn the importance of music within the film industry. At the end of the unit, the children will compose their own piece of music to set the scene from a film of their choosing.

Class messages: I'd like to start the first class message with a class proverb, "A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships and new challenges. The slate is clean and anything can happen."

Important dates to remember:

1. Friday 23rd September—Visit from Mr Hilary (Park Lane's Head Teacher).
2. Monday 10th October —World Mental Health Day
3. Thursday 20th October— Curriculum Open Evening (15:10 to 16:00)