



Welcome to Hawking class's first class newsletter. I hope that you have had a fantastic summer holiday.

As you can see, we have a lot of fantastic learning ahead of us this half term.

**Maths**

In maths this half term, the year two children will be taught by Mrs Midgley and Mrs Smart, and the year three children will be taught by Miss Horsfall.

Both year groups will begin this year's maths curriculum by learning about place value and addition and subtraction.

**DT:**

This half 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 half term, the children will enhance their knowledge of food by completing a topic called 'eating seasonally'.

**Science:**

Be prepared for your child to become anatomy experts. This half term, we will be focussing on the human body, particularly on the skeletal, muscular, digestive, circulatory and nervous systems. We will also look at germs and the three basic needs of living things.

**Geography/History:**

As historians we will be learning about people in history with powerful voices — people who have made a difference. As geographers, the children will be looking at maps and globes. They will have opportunities to draw maps of the school and the local area, and will be using maps to plan routes. They will also be identifying locations on maps and globes.

**English:**

This half term our writing is based around 'David Attenborough—Big People, Little Dreams', and 'The Kapok Tree' by Lynn Cherry. The children will have opportunities to write non-chronological reports, biographies and exciting setting descriptions. They will also receive a daily reading lesson, a daily handwriting lesson and a daily spelling lesson.

**Computing:**

This half term the children will complete a unit using the programme Scratch Junior to learn about code. They will have opportunities to use and create loop coding, use code to create algorithms and to program codes to run 'on tap'.

**PE:**

Children in Hawking class will have two PE lessons per week. These will take place on a **Thursday** and **Friday**. Please make sure that your child brings their PE kit to school on those days. PE lessons will be taught by our PE sports coach.

**PSHE & RE:**

In PSHE we are focussing on families and relationships. We will be looking at how to resolve problems, trust, and gender and age stereotypes.

**Music:**

This year the children in Hawking class will have a fantastic opportunity to learn a musical instrument. A music specialist will come from Calderdale music services once a week and all children will receive tuition on how to play the ukulele.

**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."

I am thoroughly looking forward to the coming years and the fun, excitement and learning that is going to take place.

Please don't hesitate to come and talk to me at the door at the end of the school day, even if just to say hi and find out about your child's day.

Mr Baker