



Welcome to the Hawking class newsletter for Spring 1. I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and a well deserved break. Over the last half term, we saw the children grow not only physically, but socially to. We are sure that the children will continue to thrive over this half term.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank families for their continued support during Mr Baker's absence. As you are aware, Mr Baker's absence continues and we will endeavour to keep you updated on this over the coming weeks. In the meantime, please be rest assured that the class are in safe hands with Mrs Lynch and Mrs Clarke to provide consistency and familiarity to the children. Let's make the Spring Term a fantastic term for the children.

Maths

In maths, the year 2 children will be focussing on money and begin their journey with times tables knowledge.

In year 3, the children will focus on different methods used when multiplying and dividing by one digit. The children will also delve into the world of measurement where they will begin to compare lengths, weight and heights.

DT and Art:

In art over this half term, the children will learn about and replicate art from Ancient Egypt. Look out for papyrus models coming soon.

In DT, the children will make Ancient Egypt collars by gaining skills in sewing where they will add appliques to their felt collars.

Science:

The children will discover how light is an energy that we need to be able to see. The children will work scientifically to discover if objects are opaque or transparent. Through a series of investigations, the children will develop their knowledge of how light travels in straight lines.

Geography/History:

As historians we will continue our timeline in history by learning about Ancient Egyptians. The children will learn that the ancient Egyptians were a civilisation that was hierarchical. The children will learn about hieroglyphics and how this paved the way for early forms of communication.

As geologists, we will be focussing on famous rivers from around the world. The children will learn how rivers are formed and how they are vital for transportation.

English:

This half term, we will be focussing on a book linking with our history: 'The Ancient Egypt Sleepover'. The children will take a journey back in time through the lens of the main character—Mo. Over the half term, the children will produce their own version of a scene from the book as well as, learning about newspaper reports. In their SPaG lessons, the children will learn about adverbs, fronted adverbials with commas and much more!

Computing:

As IT connoisseurs, the children will develop an early understanding of what algorithms are in order to program an animation linking to a familiar story by recording and editing. The children will use tablets in order to take photos and add sound. In addition to this, the children will learn about online safety.

RE:

This term, in RE the children will build up the knowledge to answer this half term's question which is: How do Jews remember God's covenant with Abraham and Moses?

PE:

The children will work on their cognitive problem solving skills to build on team work and sportsmanship.

PSHE & RE:

In PSHE the children will be learning about economic wellbeing in terms of wants versus needs. The children will develop an understanding of where money comes from as well as the value of money. The children will learn about what a bank account is and how to use a bank card.

Music:

In music, the children are continuing to build their skills and knowledge of playing a ukulele with Calderdale Music Trust. We look forward to sharing and performing this for you at the end of the year.

Class messages: Our class proverb for this half term is: There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure.

Important dates to remember:

1. 8th January—Young Voices (choir members)
2. 15th January—Martin Luther King Day
3. 19th January—PTFA Film Night
4. 23rd January—Handwriting competition parent voting session 3:30pm
5. 7th February—KS1 Spelling Bee Competition
6. 8th February—KS2 Spelling Bee Competition