

Hawks Class Spring 2 2024

Hawk Class and the Chocolate Factory

I hope you all had a lovely half term break and managed to dodge the rain! This half term is a favourite with quite a lot of people as it's all about chocolate! We will be looking at the ancient Maya civilisation, who believed that cocoa was a gift from the gods. They were also the first to use it as a food. We will be looking at what happened to the Maya civilisation and through our English looking at what the Maya did for us. Of course there will also be lots of opportunity to eat different types of chocolate before we design our own new and exciting flavours.

Your involvement in your child's learning is very much appreciated and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Many thanks and kind regards

Zara Noyce

English

We will be using the book *Rain Player* by David Wisniewski to look at Maya life: their terrifying game pok-a-tok and to help us write an essay answering the questions of what the Maya did for us. We will also continue our work from last half term looking at fronted adverbials and speech.

It would be really helpful if you could encourage your child to look at speech as they are reading their book at home and examine how the character is created through this.

Having a look at non-fiction books about the Maya would also be really helpful.

Topic

As we are learning about the Maya civilisation this half term, here is a link to a useful website to help you discover more about the Maya and to also help with your homework.

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq6s
vcw](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq6svcw)



Maths

In maths this half term we will be continuing our work on fractions and decimals.

We will be learning to:

- Round decimals to the nearest whole number
- Convert between fractions decimals and percentages

We will then spend some time looking at area, perimeter and statistics, including 2-way tables

Please continue to work with your child to help them practise their times-tables (on Times Tables Rock Stars) and their minute games, as multiplication knowledge is so vital for so many areas of maths.

PE

On Monday we will be focussing on fundamental movements skills. Please ensure that your child has their **full** PE kit in school on Mondays for this (white top, black shorts, appropriate PE shoes), as well as for any other clubs they have later in the week. On Tuesday afternoons we will be continuing with our swimming lessons

Science

In science we will be continuing our work on looking at the properties of different material, including materials that are electrical conductors, materials which dissolve in water and investigating reversible and irreversible changes.

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