

The Terrifying Titanic Hawk Class - Spring 1- 2024

Welcome back, I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year break. Our topic for this half term is all based around *The Titanic*. We will be looking at the history of this very famous ship, where it sailed from and where it was heading as well as what life was like on board. To help us get a better understand of *The Titanic* we will be visiting the SeaCity Museum in Southampton (more detail to follow!) This is one of my favourite topics to teach and so I can't wait to get started. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to pop in and see me.

Kind regards
Zara Noyce



English

The children will develop their skills of writing various types of recounts using the book 'Call Of The Titanic' by Lindsay Galvin. We will be writing letters, telegrams, diary entries and newspaper reports as part of this unit of work so we will really be imagining what it was like for people on-board this ship. Additionally, our trip to SeaCity will really help us to understand more about what life was like so we can really get into role.

How can you help?

Spend some time with your child, allowing them opportunities to study age appropriate historical diary entries and newspaper articles. Ask your child about the layout of the text and language features.

Please continue to encourage your child to read their own choice of books; hearing them read and talking about what they are reading.

Please help your child to learn their spellings for their test each Friday.

Maths

This half term, we will continue our work on fractions, finishing off our work from last half term on adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators before looking at multiplying fractions and finding fractions of amounts. We will then start looking at the relationship between fractions and decimals, beginning to work with numbers up to 3 decimal places.

How can you help?

Continue to practise times tables as much as possible, both through the minute games and through apps and games such as Times Tables Rock Stars. **Having a rapid recall of these, and other important facts makes working with fractions so much easier as it is all so interlinked.**

Please encourage your children to use their mathematical knowledge at home. When you are out, ask simple questions in a shop such as, "How much change will we receive?"

Computing

We will be using spreadsheets, to support our investigation into the numbers of passengers who survived and died on the Titanic. We will input and sort information, then create charts and graphs to present our findings.

Science

This half term we will be focussing on the properties of different materials. Have a look at this website to give you an idea of the types of materials we will be looking at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/to/pics/zryycdm/articles/zk2d96f>



PE

As we start swimming this half term we will be having one P.E. lesson in school each week. This will take place on a Monday afternoon and this half term will focus on dance. Please ensure your child has their **full PE kit (white top, shorts/jogging bottoms and appropriate trainers)** in school on a Monday morning. This can then remain in school and go home on a Friday to be washed.

Swimming will take place on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure that on this day your child has all the correct equipment they will need, as detailed in the letter sent out before the holidays.