

Hawk Class - Summer 2 – 2024

All the fun of the fair!

I can't believe that this is the last half term of Year 5, this year has flown by so quickly! This last topic is one of my favourites. Over the next 7 and a bit weeks, we will be learning all about fairgrounds and undertaking a Design and Technology project, where we will be making our own rotating fairground rides. We are really looking forward to our visit to Paultons Park where we will learn about forces and experience them on the rides.

As ever, your continued support is always appreciated.

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Maths

This half term we will be looking at:

- Adding and subtracting decimal numbers
- Multiplying and dividing decimal numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000
- Using our knowledge of decimal numbers to convert between different units of measurement e.g. converting millilitres to litres and kilometres to metres. We will also look at converting between metric and imperial units of measurement.
- Applying all the skills we have learnt this year in the context of solving problems.

How can you help?

Although many of the children did exceptionally well in their Times Tables check last year, these skills still need to be practised in order to keep their recall sharp. This is so vital for every aspect of mathematics and poor times tables knowledge is one of the main reasons why children struggle with some areas of the subject. **Please ensure that they children are practising their minute games and are playing on Times Tables Rock Stars.**

English

This half term we will continue to use the book *The Nowhere Emporium* as ideas for our writing. We started looking at this book last half term and we will now be stepping through the doors of the Emporium to find the Wonders that are hidden there. We will be thinking about how to use emotive language to add tension and suspense in our stories. We will be learning about how to use cohesive devices to ensure that our writing flows, and we will be recapping the use of dialogue in stories and thinking about the effect it has on the audience.

How can you help?

Take time to discuss effective uses of description and the creation of suspense that you come across in stories with your children. Remember it is never too late to make a start on getting your reading certificates, and you could end up in the draw to win a Kindle!

PE

As the days warm up, we will want to be outside doing PE as much as possible so this may mean that the days we do PE may change. Now it is warmer, it is even more vital that the children change for PE and remember to **have their full PE kit in school every single day (white top, black shorts and trainers)**. We will also continue with our swimming lessons on a Tuesday afternoon for a few more weeks.

Science

Our work in science this term will focus on forces: how they are used in fairground rides; how they affect the way objects move; how we can make heavier loads easier to lift and move. There are some great fun videos available on the BBC Bitesize website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znmmn39/articles/zqxnhcw>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znmmn39/articles/zcmwktj>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znmmn39/articles/zb784xs>

