

Welcome back and I hope you all had a relaxing half term break. I would like to say a huge thank you for the warm welcome during my first term as a teacher, it has been a pleasure to get to know you all and I’m really looking forward to the year ahead! As always, please feel free to contact me with any queries you may have through Seesaw or email.

**Autumn Term 2 2021 - 2022**

**Hawks Class Newsletter**

**Dates for the diary**

12.09.18- Swimming begins

24.09.18- Meet the teacher parents evening (come and talk to us if you want to know how well your child is settling into the class or if you have any concerns)

**Talk for Writing**

In Talk for Writing, this term we are focusing on portal stories and creating instructions. Our model texts are ‘Stone Age Boy’ and ‘How to wash a Woolly Mammoth’, which links directly to our new topic of the Stone Age! We will be looking at using expanded noun phrases, building suspense in our stories and the important features for writing a set of instructions.

**Dates for the Diary**

26.11 – Staff development day

29.11 – 3.12 – Assessment week

1.12 – Panto at the Marlowe

13.12 – Parents evening

17.12 – KS2 Christingle

**Walk on Wednesday and Buster’s book club**

I understand that for some families walking on a Wednesday morning is not possible, if this is the case then please try to walk on another morning and we will still count this for WOW.

**Please encourage your children to read/listen to an audio book to earn their extra minutes and it is written on their bookmark, every minute counts!** 😊

**Integrated Learning**

Our new topic for this term is the Stone Age which I know the children are very excited about, as am I! I have been delighted to hear all of the interesting facts they found out for their half term homework. The main focus of this topic will be History and Art based and I look forward to seeing the children get creative. Here are some of the activities we will be doing:

* Creating timelines of important events during the Stone Age.
* Researching and creating their own cave art.
* Learning how Stone Age people lived (food, shelter, clothing)
* Skara Brae (importance of archaeology)
* Discovering what animals were around during the Stone Age.
* Sketching a sabre-toothed tiger.

**PE and Wellies**

This term we are continuing with swimming and dance for PE. Swimming is on TUESDAY afternoon so please ensure your child has their swimming kit with them. Dance is on THURSDAY afternoon. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school at all times, especially as we have now moved into the colder months.

Please also remember to check your child has a pair of wellies that fit at school.

**Mathematics**

In term 1, we focused heavily on place value, addition, and subtraction. While we will continue to develop those areas, we are now shifting our attention to multiplication and division to solidify understanding of these operations. We will deepen understanding by looking at inverse operations and applying our knowledge to real world scenarios to develop our reasoning and problem solving skills.

We go through our times tables daily and the children are making excellent progress, particularly with their ability to recall them quickly. Please continue to encourage your child to practice through TT Rockstars as it really does help them.