

Welcome back and I hope you all had a relaxing Christmas break. I am really looking forward to having the children back in class and ready to work extremely hard this term! I am very impressed with all the excellent improvements they made last year. As always, please feel free to contact me with any queries you may have through Seesaw or email.

**Spring Term 1 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 writing instructions and newspaper reports. Our model texts are ‘How to mummify a Pharaoh’ and ‘Tut in murder mystery’, which links directly to our new topic of Ancient Egypt! We will be focusing on using time connectives, adverbs, imperative (bossy) verbs, and important features of instructions and newspaper reports.

**Dates for the Diary**

11.2.22 – End of term

**Homework**

We will now be sending out individual sheets instead of using homework books. Your child will need to complete their work either on the sheet or on a separate piece of paper and bring it on WEDNESDAY. This work will still be reviewed and errors will be addressed with the child but the completed work will not be sent back home once submitted. **Spellings and reading will be as usual**.

**Integrated Learning**

Our new topic for this term is Ancient Egypt which I know the children and myself are very excited to learning about. We will exploring a wide range of aspects of Ancient Egyptian life. Here are some of the things we will be doing:

* Locating Egypt and understanding the importance of the river Nile.
* Making a shaduf.
* Exploring farming and other important jobs.
* Creating video interviews for those jobs.
* Understanding the importance of archaeology and doing our own excavation.
* Discovering Ancient Egyptian artefacts and what they tell us about the past.
* The discovery of Tutankhamun (exactly 100 years ago!)

**PE and Wellies**

This term our focus for PE will be games and athletics. Our PE days will still be on TUESDAY and THURSDAY afternoons. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school at all times as we will be outside for these lessons so it will get very cold!

Please also remember to check your child has a pair of wellies that fit at school as the field is very muddy at the moment.

**Mathematics**

While we will be continuing to develop knowledge of the four operations, we are now moving onto measurements and fractions. Our main focus for this term will be calculating length, perimeter and area of shapes/objects.

We will continue to go through our times tables at the beginning of every lesson as their knowledge of these is important, especially to support them in their learning of measurement and fractions which often requires multiplication. Please encourage your child to use TT Rockstars frequently, as well as writing them out by hand.