

Welcome back and I hope you all had a relaxing half term break. The children worked extremely hard last term and I am hoping to see their wonderful efforts continue into this term! As always, please feel free to contact me with any queries through Seesaw or email.

**Spring 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 writing traditional tales and character descriptions. Our first model text will be ‘The Egyptian Cinderella’, which will focus on using inverted commas (speech marks), the important features of a tale and comparing it to the original story of ‘Cinderella’. Our second model text will be ‘The Trunchbull’ from our class book ‘Matilda’. We will focus on using clauses in our sentences, powerful adjectives and how to bring a character to life through text.

**Homework**

Homework is due on **Wednesday** as usual and spellings will be sent home on **Monday** to allow children to focus on their main homework over the weekend.

Please encourage your child to read and earn their extra minutes!

**Dates for the Diary**

07.03.22 – DT week

21.03.22 – Assessment week

28.03.22 – Learning and progress meetings

**Integrated Learning**

We are continuing our topic of Ancient Egypt this term as the children have loved diving into it and we have so much more to explore! Here are some of the things we will be doing:

* Understanding the Egyptians beliefs about life after death
* The process of mummification and mummifying an orange!
* Creating a life sized sarcophagus
* Investigating Egyptian clothing and the differences between male and female garments
* Learning how to read and write hieroglyphics
* Understanding how the past can be interpreted in different ways
* Making and painting a clay pyramid

**PE**

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, including a dark coloured pair of tracksuit/jogging bottoms (not leggings) and a sweatshirt or hoodie. 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**

This term we will now be focusing on fractions, mass and capacity and decimals. We will also continue to develop our knowledge of the four operations.

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