

Welcome back and I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. We are now into the final full term of the year and I hope the children are looking forward to the learning we have coming up! As always, please feel free to contact me with any queries through Seesaw or email.

**Summer 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 suspense stories and character descriptions. Our first model text will be ‘The Manor House’, which will focus on using fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and engaging vocabulary to hook the reader in. Our second model text will be ‘The Trunchbull’ from our class book ‘Matilda’, as we didn’t get the chance to complete this last term due to DT/assessment week . We will focus on using clauses in our sentences, powerful adjectives and how to bring a character to life through text.

**Homework**

Spellings and homework will go out on **Friday**. Homework needs to be in by **Wednesday** and spellings will be tested the following **Friday.**

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

**Dates for the Diary**

27th April – Football festival at Green Park

9-11th May – Bewl Water Residential Trip

**PE**

This term the children will be out of school for PE. On THURSDAY, they will go to the village hall for badminton. On FRIDAY, they will go to the gym for gymnastics. We have children who regularly come to school without a PE kit and we are very short on spare items, which means they have to miss participating at times. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school at all times so they can make the most of their learning, including a green Langdon t-shirt and shorts as the weather is warming up.

**Mathematics**

This term we will be focusing on decimals, money and time. We will also be focusing on how to apply this knowledge when faced with reasoning and problem solving questions.

While we continue to practice our times tables regularly in school, please encourage your child to use TT Rockstars frequently, as well as writing them out by hand to support their recalling of them. This is particularly important for Year 4 pupils as they have the multiplication table check coming up in June, where they will be tested on their times tables up to 12.

**Integrated Learning**

This term we will be studying the French artist, Henri Matisse. He had a unique style of art, using colour as the foundation for his expressive, decorative and large-scale paintings.

Here are some of the things we will be learning:

* Who is Henri Matisse and what makes his art so unique?
* Experimenting with lighter and darker tones
* Research and practice different techniques and skills
* Use painting to develop and share ideas, experiences and imagination
* Use a range of materials to develop techniques using colour, pattern, textures and shapes
* Design, make and complete a piece of art inspired by Matisse
* Evaluate and draw on differences and similarities