

# Hawk Owls Spring Half Term One Class Newsletter

Teacher: Mr Griffiths



Year 4 have a great start to the Spring Term, they have been switched on, responsive & excited about their learning. A brilliant start Year 4, well done.

Whole School Christian Value of the half term: **Courage**

*Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. - 1 Corinthians 16 13-14*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Mr Griffiths	Mr Griffiths	Mr Griffiths	Mr Griffiths	Mr Griffiths
Afternoon	Mr Griffiths	Mr Griffiths	Mr Griffiths	Mrs Farmery	Mr Griffiths

## Whole School Theme – Adventures in Time

For our first spring half term, we will be exploring Geography & linking our learning across other topics to landscape features of the United Kingdom. We will be looking into weather & climate & the differences between the two. We will also be looking at rivers & lakes, wetlands & mountains. Before summarising what we have learnt on a special case study. Our theme will continue to be integrated into cross-curricular learning across a range of different subjects, including Writing & Art. In Guided Reading, the children will be reading 'Charlotte's Web' by E.B. Webb. In Maths, the children will finish off their old unit of multiplication & division, before moving onto length & perimeter. This will include measuring in kilometres & meters, as well as finding perimeters of rectangles, regular & irregular polygons and rectilinear shapes. For our Science topic this half term, the children will be learning about Animals & focussing on the renowned scientist Washington Wentworth.

In P.E. this half term we will be doing Dance. **The children are expected to come in P.E. kit on Tuesdays and in trainers for Thursdays.** In R.E. we will be learning & comparing different religions whilst exploring the big question, "Why do some people think that life is a journey? What significant experiences mark this? *In Computing the children will be learning creating media & photo editing.*

During our PSHE lessons this half term, we will be learning about our dreams & goals for the future. This will include, recognising our hopes & dreams, understanding that dreams can sometimes be broken & then exploring how we overcome disappointment to create new dreams and achieve new goals. In Art we will be using water colours to paint our own Lili-Pads, based on the work of Claude Monet. Y4 will also be having Music lessons, where they will be looking at Haiku's music & performance surrounding the Hanami Festival.

## AR

**Children should continue to read regularly at home to help their comprehension skills, writing and spelling. Your children should bring their AR books to school every day.**

They will take a STAR reading quiz at the beginning of each half term to revise their coloured book band and have the opportunity to take AR quizzes on Wednesdays. All children have quiet reading time daily at the end of the day and a Guided Reading lesson every day.

## Maths

### **Arithmetic**

Daily Arithmetic: Target Maths

### **Length & Perimeter**

Measure in Kilometres & Meters

Equivalent Lengths (Kilometres & Meters)

Perimeter on a Grid

Perimeter of a Rectangle

Perimeter of a Rectilinear Shape

Find missing lengths of Rectilinear Shapes

Calculate the Perimeter of Rectilinear Shapes

Perimeter of Regular Polygons

## English

### **Writing**

Descriptive Recount Writing (Danny Champion of the World by Roald Dahl)

### **Guided Reading**

*'Charlotte's Web' by E.B. Webb*

### **Grammar and Punctuation:**

Past Perfect Verbs

Apostrophes

Fronted Adverbials

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Person Pronouns

Speech

### **Spellings**

Using dictionaries and thesauruses

Words with the 'ough' letter string

Silent letters

Etymology (the origin of words)

Words with the 'able' and 'ible' letter string

Homophones

### **Routines/responsibilities**

- Please can you ensure that children have **a suitable pair of labelled black pumps** to wear as indoor shoes and that **water bottles are labelled**, brought into school daily and kept on children's desks.
- P.E. kit is needed on **Tuesdays**. Trainers will be required on **Thursdays**.

### **Homework**

- Please can children practise reading and times-tables on a daily-basis and ensure that they are listened to at least once weekly.
- Weekly homework sheets will be handed out every Friday & due in the following Friday. They will be looked at but not marked.

**Keep your hard work up Year 4, keep pushing yourselves & we will continue to have a fantastic year together.**

***Mr Griffiths.***