

# Hawk Owls Spring Half Term Two Class Newsletter

Teacher: Mr Griffiths



Year 4 have come back from their half term with energy and enthusiasm. We are looking forward to our topics of learning for the next five weeks. Well done Year 4.

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

*Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32*

	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

During the second half of the spring half term, within our Geography unit, we will be learning about different types of settlements, including looking at the differences between villages, hamlets, towns and cities. We will also be looking at different types of settlements in the countryside and investigating trade routes between settlements across the British Isles. 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 'The Queen's Token' by Pamela Oldfield'. In Maths, the children will be continuing their work on fractions, including comparing and ordering different sizes of mixed number, converting mixed numbers to improper fractions and identifying equivalent fraction families and equivalent fractions on number lines. For our Science topic this half term, the children will be continuing their spring term unit of Animals & focussing on the renowned scientist Washington Wentworth.

In P.E. this half term we will be doing Gymnastics. **The children are expected to come in P.E. kit on Tuesdays and in trainers for Thursdays.** In R.E. we will be exploring our Christian unit on Salvation, by investigating the big question, 'Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday?' In Computing, the children will be looking at creating media by audio editing.

Our PSHE lessons this half term are entitled 'Healthy Me', we will be learning about how to keep and maintain healthy friendships, learning about alcohol, smoking and group dynamics. In D.T. this half term, we will be making mechanical cars. Y4 will also be having Music lessons, where we will be looking at Samba & Carnival sounds and instruments.

## 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

### **Fractions**

Partition Mixed Numbers

Number lines with Mixed Numbers

Compare & Order Mixed Numbers

Understand Improper Fractions

Convert Mixed Numbers to Improper Fractions

Convert Improper Fractions to Mixed Numbers

Equivalent Fractions on a Number Line

Equivalent Fraction Families

## English

### **Writing**

Persuasive Brochure Writing (The Baker by the Sea by Paula White)

### **Guided Reading**

*'The Queen's Token' by Pamela Oldfield*

### **Grammar and Punctuation:**

Expanded Noun Phrases

Apostrophes

Prepositional Phrases

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

Conjunctions

### **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 the lunch trolley.
- 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 on Fridays & due in the following Friday. They will be looked at but not marked.

**Well done on all your hard work so far Year 4, don't take your feet off the gas, let's keep it up!**

***Mr Griffiths.***