

The Terrifying Titanic Goshawk Class - Autumn 1 2021

Welcome back and welcome to Year 5 and Goshawk Class! I hope you have enjoyed the summer holidays and are now ready for a busy and enjoyable half term ahead. Our topic for this half term is all based around *The Titanic*. We will be looking at the history of this very famous ship, where it sailed from and where it was heading as well as what life was like on board. To help us get a better understanding of *The Titanic* we will be visiting the SeaCity Museum in Southampton (more detail to follow!) Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns about your child or if you just want to introduce yourself. I look forward to meeting you and teaching your children throughout the year.

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English

The children will develop their writing skills by imagining they are a passenger on the Titanic, and writing a diary entry about their experience of the tragedy. During the latter part of this half term, they will take on the role of a newspaper reporter, and write an article about the disaster. We intend to have some fun, experiencing taking on different perspectives to produce some creative writing.

How can you help?

Spend some time with your child, allowing them opportunities to study age appropriate historical diary entries and newspaper articles. Ask your child about the layout of the text and language features.

Please continue to encourage your child to read their own choice of books; hearing them read and talking about what they are reading.

Please help your child to learn their spellings for their test each Friday.

Computing

We will be using spreadsheets, to support our investigation into the numbers of passengers who survived and died on the Titanic. We will input and sort information, then create charts and graphs to present our findings.

All of the children in Goshawk Class really benefit from your interest in their school work. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the parents meeting on Friday 10th September at 2:30pm.

Maths

This half term, the children will further extend their knowledge of place value, working with numbers up to one million. They will read, write, order and compare these numbers and will also learn to round larger numbers to the nearest 10,000, 1,000, 100 or 10. We will look at addition and subtraction and the children will develop their skills, adding and subtracting with larger numbers and statistics.

How can you help?

Please encourage your children to use their mathematical knowledge at home. When you are out, ask simple questions in a shop such as, "How much change will we receive?"

Continue to practise times tables as much as possible, both through the minute games and through apps and games such as Times Tables Rock Stars. Having a rapid recall of these, and other important facts will make all the maths that we do this year so much easier.

PE

The children have P.E every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. This half term we will start by refining our netball skills. Later on in this half term, we will be creating our own Charleston dance. Please ensure your child has their **full PE kit (white top, shorts/jogging bottoms and appropriate trainers)** in school on a Monday morning. This can then remain in school and go home on a Friday to be washed.