

# Hawk Class - Summer 1 - 2023

## Raging Rivers

Welcome back, I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break. I have no doubt that this half term will fly by, what with a bank holiday, the (hopefully!) nicer weather and lots of learning to do! Our topic '**Raging Rivers**', is based around geography and will include a field trip to the Fishbourne Meadows, where we will look at rivers and the surrounding landscape. We will explore the flow of the river, conduct some experiments, and identify the meaning of some geographical terms relating to rivers.

As ever, your continued support is always appreciated.

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### Maths

This half term we will be looking at:

- Understanding timetables
- Understanding angles - how to calculate them, draw them and identifying them within shapes
- 2D and 3D shapes - naming them and identifying their properties
- Co-ordinates - working with co-ordinates, reflecting and translating shapes.
- Formal written methods for division

#### **How can you help?**

Asking the children to practise telling the time on analogue and digital clocks and getting them to look at and understand timetables. It is vital that the children continue to practise and keep their recall of times tables sharp. This is so vital for every aspect of mathematics and poor times tables knowledge is one of the main reasons why children struggle with some areas of the subject. **Please ensure that they children are practising their minute games and are playing on Times Tables Rock Stars.**

**A note on uniform: The school's uniform policy is that children may wear trainers so long as they are black. At the moment there are few children wearing white trainers so please ensure that they do not wear these to school. Also please be reminded that children should not be wearing nail polish to school.**

### English

This half term we are going to first be looking at poetry. Poetry is used much more often that we may realise, including in songs and raps. We will then be looking at the amazing book *The Nowhere Emporium*. This uses fantastic descriptive language which we will be looking to use and magpie for our own writing. Please discuss with your children any good uses of language that you or they see when they are reading, as the more they read the better writers they will become.

### PE

We are doing athletics this half term, although the days may change due to Bank Holidays and the weather. It is therefore vital that your child has their **full PE kit (white top, black shorts and trainers) in school every day**. Now we are getting towards the summer and the children are getting older, it is not acceptable for them to be doing PE and getting sweaty in their school clothes so please **remind your child to always have their PE kit with them**. We will also continue with our swimming lessons on a Tuesday afternoon.

### Science

This half term we are looking at the lifecycles of different animals and plants. Have a look at these websites to show you what we will be studying.

