

Hawks Class Spring 2 2026

Hawk Class and the Chocolate Factory

I hope you all had a lovely half term break despite the rather dreary weather! This half term is a favourite with quite a lot of people as it's all about chocolate! We will be looking at the ancient Maya civilisation, who believed that cocoa was a gift from the gods. They were also the first to use it as a food. We will be looking at what happened to the Maya civilisation and through our English looking at what the Maya did for us. Of course, there will also be lots of opportunity to eat different types of chocolate before we design our own new and exciting flavours.

Your involvement in your child's learning is very much appreciated and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Many thanks and kind regards

Zara Noyce

English

We will be using the book *Rain Player* by David Wisniewski to look at Maya life: their terrifying game pok-a-tok and to help us write an essay answering the questions of what the Maya did for us.

Having a look at non-fiction books about the Maya would be really helpful, alongside continuing to develop their comprehension skills by asking them questions as they read to you- the bookmarks provided at the beginning of the school year provide an excellent place to start.

Topic

As we are learning about the Maya civilisation this half term, here is a link to a useful website to help you discover more about the Maya and to also help with your homework.

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq6s
vcw](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq6svcw)



Maths

In maths this half term we will be continuing our work on fractions and decimals.

We will be learning to: Write, order and compare numbers with up to 3 decimal places; round decimals to the nearest whole number and convert between fractions decimals and percentages. We will then spend some time looking at area and perimeter.

Please continue to practise times tables as much as possible through apps and games such as Times Tables Rock Stars. **Having a rapid recall of these, and other important facts makes working with fractions so much easier as it is all so interlinked.**

Please also encourage your children to use their mathematical knowledge at home. Telling the time on analogue clocks, working out how much things are when they are reduced by half etc.

PE

In our Monday PE lessons we will continue to develop our fundamental movement skills whilst in our Tuesday PE lesson we will be learning how to play tag rugby. Please ensure that your child has their **full** PE kit in school **every day** (white top, black shorts/jogging bottoms, appropriate PE shoes), as well as for any clubs they have during the week.

Science

In science we will be continuing our work on looking at the properties of different materials, including materials that are electrical conductors, materials which dissolve in water and investigating reversible and irreversible changes.

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