



Hawks Curriculum Information Autumn Term 2023

Hello and welcome to the new school year! For those of you new to Hawks class, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself; my name is Mrs Louise Goodchild and I will be teaching your children this year. We have an exciting time ahead of us, filled with lots of different activities and opportunities; I look forward to participating in these with both the Hawks class children and you, their parents and carers. This year, Hawks will be taught by myself on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Ms Crowther will be taking the class on Wednesdays.

Over the course of this term, our over-arching topics will be 'Anglo-Saxons and the Scots' and 'All Around the World', which will both be taught creatively across the curriculum.

English

The English programme of study is divided into three core units of Narrative, Non-Fiction and Poetry. These are studied in a variety of ways throughout the year. We have already started this half term's class text, *Beowulf*. We will use this text as a basis to generate and inspire written work across all three core units of writing.

At home, children should be reading independently or to an adult every night. To encourage this, children have a 'Reading Record' to log their **daily** reading activity. This **must** be brought into school every day.

There will continue to be a significant focus on Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) with whole class Guided Reading sessions timetabled on a regular basis; it is during this time that we will be reading our class text.

Maths

The different areas of the National Curriculum will be covered over the year, incorporating prior learning, and extending and challenging all of the children. This term we are revising and developing our understanding of place value, the four number operations and measures. We will be using a range of resources to do this, including White Rose, Power Maths and Classroom Secrets. These resources are excellent in developing the fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills necessary to be proficient in the Year 4 and 5 curriculums.

Science

Over the course of this term, we will be looking at 'Living Things in their Habitats' and 'Electricity' as our science topics.

In our topic on living things, we will look at the shared characteristics of all living things, how they can be grouped and sorted and how classification keys can help to organise this. We will be using our knowledge to identify living things from within our local environment.

In our topic on electricity, the children will learn about common electrical appliances and how to construct simple series circuits. They will become familiar with the key words linked to the topic and how to apply them appropriately. Children will learn about cells, wires, bulbs and buzzers and about the different types of switches. They will be able to troubleshoot and identify whether or not a bulb will light in a simple series circuit and be able to identify a complete circuit. The children will also learn about conductors and insulators and know that metals are very good electrical conductors.

R.E.

In the first half of term, the children will be learning all about Hinduism and considering the question: Do Murtis help Hindus understand God?

During the second half of term, the children will be thinking about the Christmas narrative and considering whether Mary needs to be a feature within it.

History

For the first half of the autumn term, we will be learning about the Anglo Saxons and the Scots. We will find out where the invading troops came from and where in Britain they managed to settle and then we will go on to investigate how life in Britain changed as a result. The children will have the opportunity to learn how the Anglo-Saxons influenced the English language, with an emphasis on the origins of some English place names, and they will also examine and analyse artefacts from the period and draw their own conclusions about what they can teach us about life in Anglo-Saxon Britain. In addition to this they will also learn what life was like in a typical Anglo-Saxon village, what jobs people did and what the houses were like. They will also explore the Pagan beliefs of the early Anglo-Saxons and learn about the many gods they worshipped. Finally, they will investigate how and why the Anglo-Saxons were largely converted to Christianity by the early 7th century.

Geography

Our 'All Around the World' topic allows children to take a closer look at where the countries of the world are located, and some of the ways geographers describe locations. Children will learn to locate and describe places using longitude and latitude, and find out about some of the important lines that delineate specific areas of the Earth - the Equator, the Hemispheres, the Poles and the Tropics. Finally, by looking more closely at the lines of longitude, children will develop their understanding of time zones.

Computing

Our focus in computing will be around online safety, where children will learn about preventing and dealing with cyberbullying; how to use search engines efficiently; how to avoid plagiarism online; and how to be a good digital citizen. The unit ends with children applying their new knowledge to design a character to be displayed around school to promote online safety.

French

French will be taught by Miss Crowther. We are starting the year with the unit En Classe. In this unit the children will learn how to: remember and recall 12 classroom objects with their indefinite article/determiner; replace an indefinite article/determiner with a possessive adjective; say and write what they have and do not have in their pencil case.

Music

This term, we will be studying the development of Pop music, how it has changed throughout the last 100 years, studying many of the most influential musicians of our time, including Elvis, The Beatles, David Bowie and lots more.

Art

In Art, we will be completing a unit on drawing, focussing on developing our analytical and observational skills. We will use the work of Hundertwasser and Frank Auberach as sources of inspiration for our own drawing development.

In our second unit, which will be on painting, we will look at the work of Chris Ofili and the Fauvists to develop our own use of tools, textures and painting materials.

Design and Technology

To complement our Anglo-Saxon topic, children will have the opportunity to develop their sewing skills to create their own version of a section of the Bayeux Tapestry.

P.E.

On Monday afternoons Hawks class will either be participating in PE sessions or swimming lessons. On Wednesday afternoons, Eagles will be participating in outside games lessons, which will be led by Mr O'Reilly from Premiere Sport. **It is essential that your child has their PE kit in school throughout the week.**

P.S.H.E.

For this term our theme is 'Relationships.' As part of this the class will explore the different types of relationships that we have. It will look at friendships, how friendships are formed and maintained, and the qualities of a good friend. The lessons will then move on to disputes and bullying and will address strategies for coping with each of these.

Forest School

This term, we will be developing skills and knowledge by building shelters, tying knots and using tarpaulins. We will also be learning how to safely build a small campfire, and work towards using flint strikers to light it as the weather turns colder.

Weekly timetable

Below are the planned weekly timetables for Hawks class. Please note, however, that there will be variations to this timetable as necessary.



Hawks Class – Autumn Term I

	Monday – LG LSA - RP	Tuesday – LG LSA - RP	Wednesday – CC LSA - AC	Thursday – LG LSA - AC	Friday – LG LSA - AC
8:55 - 9:05	Registration and Morning Work	Registration and Morning Work	Registration and Morning Work	Registration and Morning Work	Registration and Morning Work
9:05 - 10:00	Maths	Maths	Maths - Arithmetic	Maths	Maths
10:00 - 10:15	Collective Worship	Collective Worship			
10:15 - 10:30	B	R	E	A	K
10:30 - 11:30	English	English	English - Spellings	English	English
11:30 - 12:15	Guided Reading	Guided Reading	French	RE	PSHE
12:15 - 1:15	L	U	N	C	H
1:15 - 2:15	Swimming/PE 1:15 - 2:45	Science	Music - BlueMic	Computing	Topic
2:15 - 3:15	Guided Reading 2:45 - 3:15		PE – Premiere Sport	Art	Collective Worship



Hawks Class – Autumn Term II

	Monday – LG LSA - RP	Tuesday – LG LSA - RP	Wednesday – CC LSA - AC	Thursday – LG LSA - AC	Friday – LG LSA - AC
8:55 - 9:05	Registration and Morning Work	Registration and Morning Work	Registration and Morning Work	Registration and Morning Work	Registration and Morning Work
9:05 - 10:00	Maths	Maths	Maths - Arithmetic	Maths	Maths
10:00 - 10:15	Collective Worship	Collective Worship			
10:15 - 10:30	B	R	E	A	K
10:30 - 11:30	English	English	English - Spellings	English	English
11:30 - 12:15	Guided Reading	PE	French	RE	PSHE
12:15 - 1:15	L	U	N	C	H
1:15 - 2:15	Swimming/PE 1:15 - 2:45	Science	Forest School	Computing	Topic
2:15 - 3:15	Guided Reading 2:45 - 3:15			Art	Collective Worship

I am really looking forward to the coming year and working with your children. If, at any point, you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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