



**HAWKSWORTH WOOD  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 1

Year 5

Mrs Tidman – Jackson Class

### English

This half term, our English learning will be closely linked to our topic 'Fright Fest'. We will be writing character descriptions inspired by Dracula, setting descriptions based on Coraline where we will explore spooky and atmospheric settings, and factual comparison writing, comparing Whitby Abbey and Kirkstall Abbey.

### Maths

In Maths, we will be strengthening our knowledge of place value, focusing on comparing larger numbers and rounding. In our multiplication and division unit, we will be exploring prime and composite numbers through revision of multiples and factors. Our final unit will focus on the properties of shapes.

### Topic

In Geography learning, we will explore the water cycle, how oceans are used for human activities and ocean's vital role in regulating the Earth's climate and temperature. We will learn about the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, its benefits and the impact humans have on oceans. We will then put our knowledge into action on our Whitby trip where we will develop fieldwork skills, using data collection methods and presenting data in various ways.

### Science

In Science, the children will explore forces and their effects, including gravity, air and water resistance, friction and the relationship between mass, surface area and resistance. They will learn how to make objects streamlined and understand how levers, pulleys and simple machines work. We will learn to plan fair tests, design methods and results tables, as well as calculate mean averages from data.

### How you can help at home

Spellings and homework are available on SeeSaw.

PE – **Tuesday** - Please remember to wear your school PE Kit on a **Tuesday** for our long PE session. School PE kit must be worn- plain white t-shirt, black or navy jogging bottoms and either a school jumper or navy jumper for colder days.

Reading books and Reading Records will be checked and changed home to your child every **Monday**. Children should be reading at least twice a week. Books and reading records **must** be returned to school **every day**.

Practicing times tables- TT Rockstars is a great way to practice. Please let your child's teacher know if there any problems with logging in and accessing this at home.

### Key Information

#### Upcoming trips

#### Whitby Residential:

- Jackson Class – 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March
- Colfer Class – 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> March

*Rescheduled parent meeting for Whitby to take place in January.*

**Intensive swimming sessions – 1<sup>st</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> April**

#### AOB

Arts Week – WB 6<sup>th</sup> January

Number Day – 7<sup>th</sup> February