



# We Are Britain

Roots to grow, wings to fly

Welcome to Term 5 and 6! In these notes you will find information relating to Hawks class and a brief overview of some of the areas of study your child will be covering at school over the next two terms. Each 'big' term (autumn, spring and summer) we have a whole school topic that some activities might link to however some areas stand alone and could be inspired for example by a book, current world events or a place. For terms 5&6 our topic is 'We are Britain'.

## Who's who?

Hawks will consist of Year 6 only this year. For most of the week you will have Mrs Gilbert as your main teacher and on Wednesdays you will have Mrs Knighton. Mr Smith also takes Hawks for PE on Wednesday afternoons.

## Things to Know

**PE kits** should be in school all week.

**Homework** will be given out on Friday each week and would be fabulous to be handed in by the following Thursday.

## Summer in Year 6

This year has been very different to a traditional year. I know lots of Year 6 are desperate to know if we are holding events such as the musical, Sports Day and our residential. When we know an answer we will let you know as soon as possible.

Transition to secondary schools will continue to take place in this term. While every school is different most will visit your child, or talk to them online. These will normally begin around June. Unlike previous years, there will be NO SATS (Standard Attainment Tests) for Year 6 in May.

# Areas of Exploration

Here are some of the areas we will be exploring this term!

**PSHE** - Diverse Britain  
Looking at identities, communities, and making a difference.

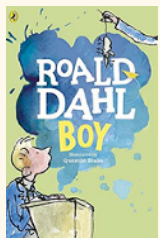
**DT - Automata**  
In order to further develop their understanding of mechanical systems, pupils will learn about controlling movement with a cam mechanism as part of an automata in this topic and find out about the history then design and make their own!

**The Olympics!**  
If going ahead we will be looking at the olympics, our links as a school to the event and the wider history .



**The legacy of the Victorians**  
As part of history we will be examining and learning about Queen Victoria and the age in which she ruled, evaluating events from a variety of viewpoints and questioning the lasting impact of the Victorian era in different parts of society.

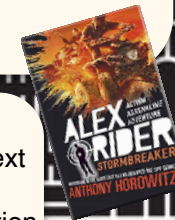
**Texts we will explore over this term include:**



**The Tyger - William Blake**  
As part of our English lessons we will be looking at the poem the Tyger by William Blake. We will also look at William Blakes' contribution to art.



**Alex Rider**  
Not James Bond but a spy thriller none the less! Hawks will be joining Alex Rider for an adventure this term as he tries to save the UK from harm!



**The Industrial Revolution**  
As part of our work looking at the history of Britain we will explore what was the industrial revolution, if it impacted a rural village by investigating past census collections of Baydon and the wider impact on cities of the UK. We will also investigate some chosen cities in modern times as we ask 'what if you could choose a capital city for the UK?'

**Science - Humans and Sound**  
Through our work on humans we will be looking at the circulatory system, nutrients and water, impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on their bodies. Later on we will be exploring sound including a STEM activity into what factors affect the pitch and the volume of sound?

**Computing**  
Over the course of the next two terms we will be exploring web page creation and how spreadsheets can support our handling of data and information.

**PE**  
Lots outside this term!  
Including, tennis, rounders and track and field!

**RE**  
In Term 5 pupils will be exploring the Christian concept of People of God, and then in Term 6 looking at beliefs and moral values in Islam.

**Faces from Britain**  
Carrying on from work we began in lockdown we will look in more detail at drawing and painting portraiture skills, including looking at the work of famous British portraiture artists.

**Music** - Learning an instrument  
This term we will be getting out the recorders and looking at a range of skills through this.

**French** - School Life  
Pupils will learn key vocabulary related to objects, subjects and prepositional language.