



An overview for parents of children in Hawks Class

Term 1 – Autumn 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you are ready to get back to learning after a relaxing summer holiday. We are so excited to be teaching in Hawks and are looking forward to a fun filled year. Mrs Burfoot will be teaching Monday to Thursday, Mrs Rylance will teach in class on a Friday. Mrs Kirkman will support in class in the mornings with Mrs Attiogbe and Mrs Gray will support in the afternoons.

To kick off our exciting year, we will be learning all about Australia through our usual cross-curricular approach. We have planned a very exciting trip to Longleat Safari Trip to experience Australian animals first hand and we will then use this inspiration to look at Australian animals in Science and English. Our main class text, The Song Walker, will complement our topic. We will explore the characters and settings of outback Australia and write our own journey tales.

We will learn about Australian history, from the indigenous tribes of Australia to the colonisation of Australia. In geography, we will explore Australia's states and capitals and find out about some of the natural wonders such as The Great barrier Reef. In Music and Art, we will also make links to our topic as we explore ancient aboriginal art techniques and experience traditional Australian music and instruments.

During Term 1, our PSHE sessions will focus on 'Being our Best'. Our British value will be exploring mutual respect and we will also be encouraging children to become more independent and resourceful.

Homework will start in week 2 and will be different this year across the school. We will be introducing a homework grid, which will consist of five tasks to be completed over the course of the term. The expectation is that **at least** three of the five are completed. Alongside these tasks, weekly spelling on Edshed will be set, along with a weekly Mathletics. This will be set on a Wednesday, to be completed on the following Tuesday. Spelling checks will then be every Friday. **Please continue to ensure that your child reads with an adult at least 3 times a week and record this in their reading diary.**

Please make sure that children have their PE kits in school all week. This should include jogger bottoms and a jumper or sweatshirt for outdoor lessons, as it gets colder. Planned PE sessions will usually be on Wednesdays, but sessions may alter due to the weather or other planned events.

School dinners still remain to be extremely popular and delicious; if you wish for your child to have school dinners please do remember to order online through your online account.

A topic web is attached for your information alongside a knowledge organiser (which has more detail about what will be covered in our topic). Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any comments or concerns via the office, by email or by telephone.

Kind Regards

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