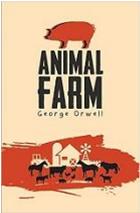


## Year 6 Newsletter

### Term 5 and 6 2019

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WELCOME BACK MESSAGE</b></p> <p>Welcome back. We hope you have had a lovely break and your child is looking forward to coming back as much as we are! This is your child's last term at Hawkes Farm Academy – and possibly the busiest term of them all!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6ST – Mr Thomas 6SC – Miss Cochran Graduate Teacher – Miss Orr</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SATs</b></p> <p>This term the children in Year 6 will be sitting their SATs. It is incredibly important that your child's attendance is as high as possible in the coming weeks, so they are not disadvantaged in May. Here is a reminder of the dates:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2 <b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Reading paper <b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Mathematics papers 1 and 2 <b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Mathematics paper 3</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ENGLISH</b></p> <p><b>CONTROLLED READING</b> We will be reading <i>Animal Farm</i> by George Orwell.</p>  <p><b>WRITING</b> This term the children will continue to write their biography on Charles Dickens and undertake a number of other writing tasks to ensure a wide range of genres have been taught and practised this year.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MATHS</b></p> <p>The children will learn about telling the time before several weeks of revision of the Key Stage 2 mathematics curriculum, in preparation for SATS.</p> <p>In Times Table Rock Stars, we will continue to strive to improve on our best times as we work our way through the full programme. The children can use the website or app to practise at home. Remember to update the app in order to access the new features!</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TEXT AND CONTEXT</b></p> <p>In Text and Context this term, the children will be looking at some of the key themes that arise in <i>Animal Farm</i>. These include farming, the Russian Revolution and communism.</p> <p>At home, you can help by regularly looking at and discussing the Knowledge Organiser, particularly any key dates.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b></p> <p>PE takes place on Wednesday for Year 6. The children will be focussing on developing athletics skills and learning how to play rounders and stoolball.</p> <p><b>DAILY MILE</b> The children are really enjoying The Daily Mile and many of them can already run a mile most days!</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMPUTING &amp; MUSIC</b></p>  <p>In computing, we will be revisiting Scratch to further enhance our coding skills.</p> <p>Our music this term will be covered through the end of year performance. This will involve children singing, dancing, acting, as well as making some of the props. More details about the performance will be sent home nearer the time.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCIENCE</b></p> <p>We will be moving onto learning about all living things, focussing on the animal and plant kingdoms. This covers the classification of animals and plants, as well as life cycles and food chains.</p> <p>Each unit is split into a number of lessons where the children are explicitly taught the knowledge they need before moving onto a practical activity based on scientific enquiry.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reading at Home</b></p> <p>All children are encouraged to read regularly every day at home. Please do make use of our well stocked library in school and either visit after school (Tuesday and Thursday) or encourage your child to visit during lunch times (Monday, Wednesday and Friday). It's important to read to your child, no matter how old they are!</p> <p>Please record any reading your child does at home on the weekly homework sheet.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DESIGN &amp; TECHNOLOGY ART &amp; DESIGN PSHE and SRE</b></p> <p>These subjects will continue to be taught in week blocks at different times of the year. Information about these will be sent home nearer the time.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HOMEWORK</b></p> <p>Homework will be explained to the children and sent home on Fridays. Please bring homework back to school by Wednesday to give us time to check it.</p>	