



Red Kite Class

Year 5 & 6 pupils

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart"

Colossians 3:v23



Happy New Year!

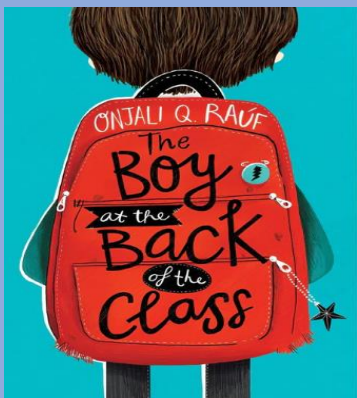
I hope you all had a nice break and enjoyed some family time. Hopefully, your children are fully refreshed and ready for a shorter term! Thank you for the gifts you kindly gave me before Christmas – I can not eat another Malteser until at least February now!

As like last term, the class will be taught RE and music on Tuesday afternoons by Miss Cunningham and on Wednesday afternoons for one hour they will be taught French by Mrs Broadhurst.

If you have any queries throughout the term please just ask, either by emailing me through admin@huby.n-yorks.sch.uk or for a chat in person at the end of the school day.

Homework

- **Reading;** Please continue to encourage your child to read at home. We are expecting a minimum of four reads a week. The book name, page numbers and your signature needs to be written in the yellow reading record. The reading record is to be handed in by your child every Wednesday and will be checked by myself or Mrs Stevens.
- **Mathletics:** Please continue with Mathletics. It is great to see so many Red Kite children achieving certificates.
- **TTRS:** Please continue with TTS.
- **CGP Booklets:** Like last term, these will be handed out every Friday. It has been great to see that just about every pupil every week hands the homework in on time and many hand it in earlier. Thank you for encouraging your children to do this.



For **Guided Reading** we are reading *The Boy at the Back of the Class*. Initially in **Literacy** we are basing our writing around this story in the form of recounts and newspaper reports, as well as focussing on parts of our Grammar.

Science: Living things; Evolution and Inheritance

For the first half term the children will explore variation and inheritance in different living things and how observations and fossil evidence have led to the theory of evolution.

After half term the children will learn about **circuits, batteries and switches**. We will be exploring circuit diagrams and use models to explain current and voltage.

In **geography** the children will learn what defines a desert, the physical features of deserts as well as where we can find them around our planet. After half term the children will further their understanding of the **ancient Greek** civilisation. This will include researching a Greek god, comparing Athens and Sparta as well as identifying the ancient Greeks' legacies and their impact.

In **music** children will learn about musical theatre. As well as learning about the features of this kind of music and categorising action and character songs, the children will have the opportunity to perform in groups. In **RE** the children will extend their learning of the Muslim faith, answering the question; what does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today? This topic will involve an educational visit later this month. Details will be send out soon about the visit.



Our **PE** days will continue to be on **Monday** and **Fridays**. Our sports specialist Mr Davis will be joining us again for the first half of Spring Term and will teach PE on Fridays. After half term the children will have gymnastic lessons.