



Halley House School

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**Monday 22nd
May 2023
PHASE 2**

YEAR 2 – GALAXY CLASS

YEAR 3 – HAWKING CLASS

YEAR 4 – NEWTON CLASS & EINSTEIN CLASS

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STAR OF THE WEEK	Friday 5th May		Friday 12th May		Friday 19th May	
Galaxy	Penelope	Tianna	Francesca	Amir	Etienne	Aaron
Hawking	Oscar	Amelia	Asher	Zion	Grace	Nael
Newton	Kiylah	Kwame	Ishmael	Amir	Callum	Ibrahim
Einstein	Korree	Abiel	Cairo	Rae	Orlando	Hannah

Attendance Matters Every student. Every day.	Friday 5th May		Friday 12th May		Friday 19th May	
Galaxy	A: 96.5%	P: 95.6%	A: 98.2%	P: 97.6%	A: 96.8%	P: 96.2%
Hawking	A: 98.6%	P: 93.7%	A: 98.8%	P: 96.2%	A: 97.3%	P: 98.6%
Newton	A: 98%	P: 98%	A: 95.5%	P: 98.5%	A: 98.4%	P: 99.2%
Einstein	A: 97.8%	P: 99%	A: 96.6%	P: 98.5%	A: 97.8%	P: 99.4%

Home learning debate and discussion 	Year 2 - What do you think of Zoos? Is it better for animals to live in their natural habitat? Year 3 - Can I think myself happy? Year 4 - Why is the Earth an active planet?
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Phase Notices & Reminders

Year 2

All pupils should be arriving at school on time ready to start the school day at 8:45am. Pupils arriving after this time are unable to have the morning meet and greet with their peers and they are unable to start their first lesson on time.

Swimming lessons at Kings Hall have already started and will be every Friday, with sessions commencing at 10am. We will be leaving school promptly at 9:05am as soon as we have had our Stars of the week awards. We will be walking there and back. If you are able to help out on day please let us know.



<p>Year 3</p> <p>Swimming will be starting next half term w/b 19th and 26th June. This will be for a consecutive two week block in the afternoon (1-2pm). KS2 lessons cost £30 for the fortnight, and payment and consent forms will shortly be available on Scopay. We will need some parent helpers, please can you inform the Office or Miss Clarke as soon as possible if you are able to support - thanks!</p> <p>Outdoor adventures remain every Monday. Please, if you are able to support, let Miss Clarke know.</p>	
<p>Year 4</p> <p>Our multiplication check will take place after the half term on Tuesday 13th June. Children will be sent home with a sheet with all the tables 1-12 on them so please ensure they practise over the half term!</p> <p>Year 4 will be swimming at Kings Hall every day for 2 weeks from Monday 5th June - Friday 16th June (Einstein 1-2pm, Newton 2-3pm). KS2 lessons cost £30 for the fortnight, and payment and consent forms will shortly be available on Scopay. Please let us know if you are able to help out with swimming lessons, we will be walking there and back each day.</p>	 

Curriculum updates

Year 2

On Wednesday Galaxy had tremendous fun playing Nature detectives at Railway Fields. We went on a seasonal sensory walk looking and listening for signs of nature. We thought about the different colours, shapes and textures we found and we were introduced to the different habitats on the site such as the woods, pond and meadow.

Part of our lesson consisted of an enquiry, which was, 'Do all minibeasts like living in the same microhabitat?' To answer this we took our science lesson outdoors again to learn about the different habitats where living things make their homes. We found out that many different minibeasts live in different microhabitats. With our partners we conducted a microhabitat survey.

In geography we have been learning our catchy new song all about the United Kingdom. We have identified the characteristics of the four countries, such as the seas which surround the country, famous monuments, famous mountains and the special traditions that go with them. We are in the midst of finishing all of our posters. Galaxy have become quite the experts on the UK. So if you are off exploring around the UK this half term then please do ask any member of Galaxy who will be sure to tell you about the best places to visit!



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Year 3

Hawking has been thoroughly enjoying their class text, Bill's New Frock in literacy. They have been applying new vocabulary from the text in more ways than one, their favourite being 'charades' and 'vocabulary snowball'. When playing 'vocabulary snowball', the children write the given key word on a piece of paper and work as a team to add as many synonyms as they can whilst being timed. Once the timer has finished, they screw their paper into a snowball and then launch it to the next table. They then add to the synonyms list without repeating any. We share the words together and the children begin to build compound sentences.

In maths, we have been taking on some really tricky fractions activities. The children have been identifying fractions of a shape and of a number. They have particularly been focussing on unitary and non-unitary fractions, and using a bar model to help represent these.

We have moved onto equivalent fractions and this week will be starting to add/ subtract fractions.



Year 4

Year 4 had a fantastic trip to Falconhurst Farm last week. At the farm we met Mille and George who were our amazing instructors. Mille and George guided us through the ancient forest where we saw spring bluebells and smelt the wild garlic. We then split into groups to complete exciting activities. We met the farmers' adorable cows, hairy pigs and bearded goats. The goats had their own trampoline! Can you find it in the pictures?

We then planted seeds and helped farmer Nicola in the garden. Everyone worked really hard and we were then able to feed the lettuces we had gathered to the pigs. To top it all off, we completed a blind taste test and were given lots of tasty food such as fresh chocolate milk, seasonal fruit, a croissant and a brownie. The class then wrote diary entries about their day at the farm in literacy.

