

Great Whelnetham CE Primary School

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Swans Newsletter – Summer Term 2, 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to what will be your child's last half-term at Great Whelnetham Primary! There are exciting times ahead and we have lots of interesting things to look forward to over the next few weeks.

This half term the 3-week blocks that I will teach to Year 6 are on **Art** and **Drama**. In Art we are going to be exploring ways to create sculpture, focussing on our featured artist Cathy Miles, who makes intricate wire sculptures of household objects and animals. The children will make a bird sculpture each and we will display these together on the branches of a tree.

Our play 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies' is coming along nicely and the learning of lines and speaking with volume and expression have been impressive so far. We look forward to the 2 performances in July (one afternoon and one evening). Dates and details of this will be following in a separate letter shortly, along with information about costumes that will be required for certain characters.

In **Science**, we are looking at the human circulatory system – the lungs, heart and blood – as well as thinking about the benefits of exercise and a healthy diet on these, which will include the digestive system. We will also consider the flip side – the negative effects of poor diet, an unhealthy lifestyle and drugs on our bodies.

The **PSHE** this half term is going to complement our Sex and Relationships Education with further learning, discussing self-image, relationships and looking forward to High School.

In **English** we will continue to practice character and setting description based on a short film clip about a New York barber's shop to practice our use of rich, imaginative language. We will also be doing some focussed writing pieces to give the children the opportunity to show their advanced grammar skills and ability to express their wonderful imaginations leading up to their assessment levels being graded.

Our **P.E.** lessons will now be on Friday afternoons this half term practicing athletics skills ready for Sports Day. **Swimming** lessons will continue to take place on Wednesday afternoons.

We will continue to have '**Hoodie Fridays**' every week until the end of term, when Year 6 can wear their new Hoodies instead of their normal school jumper or cardigan.

Kind regards,

Mr Sharp