**Harrier Class Summer Term**

This year seems to be flying by and we find ourselves in the Summer term already! The children have returned to class from eating all those Easter eggs cheerfully and we have got off to an enthusiastic start, with the children really excited about our English, Science and Geography topics this term. We are also happy to welcome our new Teaching Assistant: **Mrs Unwin**, who will be with us in class every morning.

In the Summer Term our **Topic** will have a **Geography** focus. Building on our learning from Kite class, we will focus on **Investigating Rivers**. We will start by revising our knowledge of where all the water on the planet comes from and the features of a river. Then we will be focussing on the **Amazon River**. A summary can be found on the knowledge organiser attached.

In **Science** we will be investigating **Animals including Humans** throughpractical investigations and research. By the end of the unit, the children will be able to:

* Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and explain the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood.
* Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function.
* Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.

**English** fiction will have a focus on developing the use of a wider range of sentence types and describing character through dialogue in our defeat the monster tale. The text we will use is Beowulf, a traditional Anglo-Saxon tale.

In **Maths** we will be polishing all of our **Arithmetic** skills and developing our **Reasoning** and **Problem Solving** skills through practice, collaboration and reflection.

For the first half of the Summer term, we are very lucky to be having a weekly session with **Razzamatazz**. The class will be creating their own dance routines related to out topic of Rivers. Hopefully, we will be **Swimming** in the school pool this term. We will let you know as soon as the pool is up and running, so please make sure your child has their swimming kit in school every day after that.

Please can we remind everyone to ensure their child has **fruit** or **veg** for a snack at morning break. As the weather starts to warm up, please make sure your child has a **hat** and has applied **sunscreen** before school when it is very sunny. Please can I remind you that necklaces, bracelets, large earrings and nail varnish are **not** part of the school uniform.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office email if you have any questions or concerns. Best wishes. Mrs Stephanie Janas and Harrier staff.