

# Hawthorn Class Newsletter Summer 2



## Important Information

Day	Timings of day	
Monday <b>Mrs Booth</b>	8.45am – 3.15pm	Reading extract sent home.
Tuesday <b>Mrs Booth</b>	8.45am – 3.15pm	PE - Please come to school in PE kit, with hair tied up and earrings removed/or tape to cover.
Wednesday <b>Mrs Booth</b>	8.45am – 3.15pm	
Thursday <b>Miss Smales</b>	8.45am – 3.15pm	PE - Please come to school in PE kit, with hair tied up and earrings removed/or tape to cover.
Friday <b>Mrs Booth</b>	8.45am – 3.15pm	

## Dates for your diary

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Return to school
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Picture This Open Classroom
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – School Summer Fair (2pm – 4pm)
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 Sports Day
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Pizza Party
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Leavers Assembly (parents welcome)
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 leave 2pm  
- Reports out
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – End of term

## Expectations

- **Reading** – The children will continue to come home each Monday with an extract appropriate for their age group. We will be studying this extract in our whole class reading sessions throughout the week. Please encourage your child to read this extract aloud to you to practice their fluency. From Tuesday onwards each week the children will be reading sections of this extract aloud in class.
- **School uniform** – Please check that all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled so that they can be returned to him/her if they go missing. There are some 'lost property' pegs in the cloakroom where staff will put all unlabelled items of clothing.

## Ways to Help your Child

- **Reading** – In addition to the whole class extract, which your child will bring home on a Monday, they will also have a library book. They may or may not need your support accessing this book as it will be one they have chosen themselves based on their interests. Please help them with this and enjoy reading it together. Children will be encouraged to change their reading books independently when they are ready however adult support and guidance will be available for those that request it.
- **Times tables** – Children will need to use Times Table Rockstars at home 3 times a week. All children have a login for this programme which is a fabulous resource to help children learn their tables <https://trockstars.com/>. We have also been looking at improving our heatmaps on Numbots so your child is welcome to spend time doing this as well.
- **Spelling** - Thank you for your support last half term with spellings. We will be testing the children on these during the first week back in June. Please continue to practice the spellings from their learning logs at home. Next half term's spellings are listed below and we will look at these in class over the next half. If you could continue to work on these with your children that would be great.

*awkward      bargain      bruise      curiosity      definite      desperate*  
*existence      explanation      familiar      interrupt      language      leisure*  
*physical      prejudice      privilege      shoulder      signature      sincere*  
*vehicle      yacht*

As last half term, I will send a text message each Friday to let you know which spellings we will be focusing on. They can of course practice as many spellings as they want in addition to this from their learning log. We will continue to go over the spellings they have previously learnt as well.

If your child has spellings on a SEN support plan, they need to practice these but as part of our ambitious curriculum, we would also like them to access the class spellings too. Thankyou.

**What we will be learning this term**

<p><b>English our class text-</b> The Tear Thief by Carol Ann Duffy</p> <p><b>Additional texts:</b> Final Year by Matt Goodfellow</p> <p><b>Focus Text genres</b> – Narrative, Persuasive advert, Travel review</p>	<p><b>Maths Concepts covered-</b>          Themed maths projects (Y6)          Decimal numbers (Y5)          Negative numbers (Y5)          Converting Units (Y5)          Volume (Y5)</p> <p><b>As the children should know all their times tables by this point practising building up their speed of recall would be beneficial. Focus on those tables your child struggles to recall quickly. Please ask if you are unsure where to start with this.</b></p>
<p><b>Other Curricular areas:</b>          The children now have a solid understanding of the First and Second World Wars and the impact of these two events on the lives of the British people. Our focus in history will shift to looking at the changing role of the monarchy over the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century and what this has meant for people in our country. Unfortunately, we didn't manage to start our work on sculpture last half term so will be focusing on this when the children return in June. Linked to our work on Marianne North, the children will be making wire sculptures of their own plants. We will be covering these with materials and creating our own unique flowers, similar to those discovered by Ms North on her travels. In Science we will begin to look at the topic of Evolution and Inheritance thinking about how living things have changed over time and the evidence offered by fossils. We will be identifying how animals and plants adapt to suit their environment in different ways and that this may lead to evolution.</p> <p>Changing Me is our next PSHE unit of work. This will be taught in separate year groups. Please see below for further information relating to what is covered during this unit. We have been unable to get onto the school field for much of this half term but as the weather continues to improve we will hopefully be able to take advantage and begin to work on our athletics skills in preparation for sports day. We will also be focusing on developing the children's badminton and tennis skills. The children will continue to further their understanding of Spanish, learning to speak about their past and the children in year 6 will be treated to a Spanish lesson lead by teachers from Wales High on Monday June 24<sup>th</sup>.</p>	

## Useful Websites

Website	Resources
<a href="http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk">www.activelearnprimary.co.uk</a>	A variety of colour banded eBooks allocated to your child individually
<a href="http://www.harthillprimary.co.uk">http://www.harthillprimary.co.uk</a>	Showcasing your child's learning with photographs and information like the school's Calculation policy. (Go to Key information. Curriculum. Maths)
<a href="http://www.topmarks.co.uk">www.topmarks.co.uk</a>	A variety of activities across all subjects. Click on select an age group then key stage 2. Your child will recognise some of these games as we use them in class e.g. hit the button.
<a href="https://trockstars.com/">https://trockstars.com/</a>	Times table rockstars - Your children will be familiar with this website as we will be using it in school. <b>Try to use this 3x a week at home.</b>

### Note from the Hawthorn team

We would like to send a huge congratulations to all the children in Hawthorn for everything they have done this half term. To our Y6s - who worked so well and impressed us so much during our recent SATs week – you have done yourselves proud. To our Y5s, who have had to put up with the disruption caused by SATs, you haven't once let it phase you and the writing you have produced during this time has been amazing, well done.

The children were also a pleasure to take to Eden Camp on Monday. They represented the school well and we had a fabulous day with you all.

As we move into our final half term there will be several opportunities for you to join the children in school to celebrate and share their learning. We will be welcoming parents to join us to complete some art work on our Picture This afternoon on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June and for Y6 there will be a Leaver's Assembly on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

A note about PSHE: Our PSHE sessions will be taught in separate year groups for the remainder of the year due to the content being taught.

Year 5:

As part of our PSHE lessons during the summer term, the children will be working through the 'Changing Me' unit. The children will learn about puberty for boys and girls and conception. Parents have the right to withdraw their child from lesson 4: 'Conception' should they wish. A letter explaining how to do this will be sent home at the start of the summer term.

Year 6:

As part of our PSHE lessons during the summer term, the children will be working through the 'Changing Me' unit. The children will learn about puberty for boys and girls and gain a deeper understanding of conception to birth of a baby. Parents have the right to withdraw their child from lesson 4: 'Conception and birth' should they wish. A letter explaining how to do this will be sent home at the start of the summer term.

As always, thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to be in touch.

Have a lovely half term break,

The Hawthorn team 😊