

Hawthorn Class Newsletter Autumn 1



Important Information

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

Dates for your diary

- Monday 4th September - INSET
- Monday 25th September – Wednesday 27th September – Y6 Residential
- Friday 6th October – Crucial Crew (Y6)

Expectations

- **Reading** – The children will 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 😊.
- **BEDROCK** – Please encourage your child to complete BEDROCK at home at least once a week to consolidate their learning in school <https://app.bedrocklearning.org/>
- **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/>
- **Spelling** - Please encourage your child to practice their year group's statutory words and zero tolerance words within their learning log. We do not have spelling tests but we do teach spellings and focus on children applying these in their writing, which is how we assess their spelling. Reinforcement of their year group's words will help your child make progress with this.

What we will be learning this term

<p>English our class text- Room 13 by Robert Swindells</p> <p>Additional texts: Gamer by Chris Bradford, Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll</p> <p>Focus Text genres – Non chronological report, narrative and balanced argument</p>	<p>Maths Concepts covered- Place Value (Y5 and Y6) Addition and Subtraction (Y5 and Y6) Multiplication and Division (Y6)</p> <p>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.</p>
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<p>Other Curricular areas:</p> <p>This half term in history we will be looking at achievement throughout the 19th Century. The children will find out about the suffragette movement and key figures involved in this. They will focus on many of the important inventions of the 19th century and discuss how each of these contributed to the Industrial Revolution. We will also be looking at the impact of the Industrial Revolution on the lives of ordinary working class people. Our science work this half term will be linked to Forces and we will be thinking about how and why things move. We will be investigating levers, pulleys and gears as well as thinking about the forces of friction, air resistance, water resistance and gravity. We will be extending our knowledge of key scientific figures by studying the astronomer Galileo Galilei and Indian mathematician and astronomer Bratmagupta. Our art work will focus on the work of Pablo Picasso and the children will be working with paint to create their own piece of art in the style of Picasso, thinking carefully about their use of colour and texture.</p> <p>Through our RE sessions we will be finding out more about charities especially Islamic Relief. We will learn about the founder of Islamic Relief, Hany El-Banna and why the charity was set up in the first place. The children will continue to learn Spanish, initially recapping their learning from last year and then building on this by learning vocabulary about their daily routine. During PE we will be honing our hockey skills and be once again focusing on our teamwork and leadership skills through the use of the Sports Education programme. Our music work will be centred around the Pharrell Williams hit Happy and the children will be learning to sing and perform the song. We will continue to follow the Jigsaw programme for our PSHE and will begin the year with the unit 'Being me in my world.' As part of this work we will discuss the idea of democracy as well as focusing on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child and how these are not met worldwide.</p>
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Useful Websites

Website	Resources
www.activelearnprimary.co.uk	A variety of colour banded eBooks allocated to your child individually
http://www.harthillprimary.co.uk	Showcasing your child's learning with photographs and information like the school's Calculation policy. (Go to Key information. Curriculum. Maths)
www.topmarks.co.uk	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.
https://trockstars.com/	Times table rockstars - Your children will be familiar with this website as we will be using it in school. Try to use this 3x a week at home.

<https://app.bedrocklearning.org/>

BEDROCK – children need to be accessing this at home as well as in school where possible. BEDROCK helps expand children’s vocabulary and widen their understanding of words. **Try to use this programme once a week at home.**

Note from the Hawthorn team

Welcome back. We hope that you all had a lovely summer with your family and friends and are well rested ahead of the autumn term.

As a team, Miss Smales, Miss Dodds, Mrs Bell and myself are very much looking forward to working with the children this year. We ask that you please continue to support your children with their learning at home as you have done throughout their time at Harthill. Please don’t hesitate to come and ask any questions if you need support or clarification on anything. I will be in class four days a week (Monday – Wednesday and Friday) and Miss Smales will be teaching the class on Thursdays.

Last year the children in my class very much enjoyed having mystery readers come into class and share extracts from their favourite books with them. If this is something you would like to do this year please let me know via email or catching me at the start or end of the school day. We love to see you in school and the children love it too.

Have a great half term, from the Hawthorn team ☺