

Hawthorn Class Newsletter Autumn 2



Important Information

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

Dates for your diary

- Monday 6th November – After school clubs start
- Tuesday 7th November Y5 and Y6 Internet Safety Session in school (South Yorkshire Police)
- Monday 13th November – Odd Socks Day
- Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th November – Parents’ Evening

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 J.
- **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** - There is an expectation for children to be practicing the spellings from their learning logs at home. We have decided to focus this more specifically and would like you child to work on the following spellings this half term, ready for a half termly assessment:

accommodate	category	determined	foreign	lightning	profession
sincerely	accompany	cemetery	develop	forty	marvellous
programme	soldier	according	committee	dictionary	frequently

mischievous pronunciation stomach

They can of course practice as many spellings as they want in addition to this from their learning log.

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>English our class text- Everest by Alexandra Stewart and Joe Todd-Stanton</p> <p>Additional texts: Gamer by Chris Bradford, Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll</p> <p>Focus Text genres – Narrative, Persuasive leaflet and diary entries.</p>	<p>Maths Concepts covered- Fractions (Y5 and Y6) Measurement (Y6) Multiplication and Division (Y5)</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>
<p>Other Curricular areas:</p> <p>This half term our Geography focus will be the continent of North America and in particular Canada. The children will become more familiar with the countries which make up this continent and their capitals. They will spend time researching different Canadian provinces as well as looking at the diverse climate and landscapes within this area of the world. Our science work will be centred around the human body especially the circulatory system. We will be finding out about the role of a cardiologist and focusing on two key figures in this field – Elizabeth Anionwu and Barouh Berkovits. In PE we will be completing our final few hockey matches from last half term before moving on to dance.</p> <p>Once we have completed our work on Islamic Relief in RE, we will be looking at the charity Christian Aid and comparing and contrasting the two. We will be developing our needlework skills during our design and technology sessions, with a focus on cross stitch. PSHE sessions will look at celebrating difference. This block of work will see the children discussing issues related to bullying, stereotyping and discrimination as well as celebrating differences and individuality. Work in Spanish will continue with an emphasis on recall of previous learning as well as the children starting to talk about what they enjoy in their free time. As part of our computing this half term, we will be using the Google Drawing application to create vector drawings, duplicating images and layering to create more complex pictures.</p>	

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.

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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

Thank you for all your support last half term. It was a busy one with Y6 Residential, Crucial Crew and the Y5 LEGO STEM workshop and we hope you have all managed to have a well-deserved rest over half term.

The Hawthorn team are looking forward the term ahead and although the run up to Christmas is always slightly crazy it is magical as well 😊. We have parents’ evening in the next few weeks. Please sign up for either an online meeting (Tuesday 14th November) or a meeting in person (Wednesday 15th November) as soon as possible. The children will also be working hard in preparation for our Christmas production (more information to follow). As ever, please don’t hesitate to contact school if you have any questions or concerns and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Have a great half term, from the Hawthorn team 😊