

Hawthorn Class Newsletter Spring 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	Y6 homework sent home

Dates for your diary

- Monday 19th February – return to school.
- Tuesday 27th February – open classroom from 2.15 (children to share their learning with parents).
- Friday 8th March – World Book Day celebrated in school (more information to follow)
- Tuesday 12th March – author visit (Jenny York) in school
- Tuesday 12th March and Wednesday 13th March – Parents' Evenings
- Thursday 28th March – last day of term
- Friday 29th March – public holiday

Expectations

- **Reading** – The children in 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/>
- **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 February. Please continue to practice the spellings from their learning logs at home. Next half term's spellings are listed below and we will begin to look at these in class up to Easter. If you could continue to work on these with your children that would be great.

ancient, apparent, appreciate, conscious, conscience, controversy, equip, equipped, equipment,

hindrance, identity, immediate, nuisance, occupy, occur, relevant, restaurant, rhyme, system, temperature, thorough.

As last half term, I will send a text message each week 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>English our class text- The Station Cat by Stephen Hogturn</p> <p>Additional texts: Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll,</p> <p>Focus Text genres – Narrative, Non chronological report.</p>	<p>Maths Concepts covered- Algebra (Y6) Decimals (Y6) Fractions, Decimals and Percentages (Y6) Decimals and Percentages (Y5) Area and Perimeter (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: This half term we will be continuing to extend our learning linked to early 20th century history. We will complete our work on the changing role of women during the First World War before starting to look in more detail at the Second World War. Our art lessons last half term focused more on developing our sketching skills and observational drawing. We are now ready to find out more about the Victorian artist and botanist Marianne North. We will be finding out about some of the places she visited in Asia which inspired many of her pieces of artwork.</p> <p>In science we will be furthering our knowledge of living things and their habitats, looking at classifying animals and plants into groups as well as life cycles. This will link to our work on biomes in geography where we will be focusing on grassland and temperate forest biomes. The children will find out more about the animals and plants that live and grow in these areas of the world and how they have adapted to survive. Healthy Me is our next PSHE unit. During these lessons the children will be thinking about the dangers of smoking and alcohol along with the idea of body image and the need to view ourselves in a positive light. PE sessions will focus on striking and fielding games such as cricket and rounders. Our work in Spanish will continue and in RE the children will be linking their learning on inspirational leaders to different religious leaders and why they may be viewed as inspirational.</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.

Note from the Hawthorn team

The children have continued to work hard this half term and we have enjoyed working with each of them. As we move into the second half of the Spring term we will be introducing booster sessions for our Year 6 children, twice a week, after school. A letter has been sent home to all those children involved in these sessions. Thank you for your continued support with this and to those of your who have asked how you can be helping your child at home.

On February 27th we are inviting parents to join us in school from 2.15pm. The children will be sharing some of their history learning with you. This will take place in the hall and each group will have a table set up with their work, ready to help you become an expert in the different decades of the 20th century. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as are able to make it.

As ever we hope you have a lovely half term break.

The Hawthorn team 😊