

Hawthorn Class



Summer 2 2019



Welcome Back

Welcome back to the final term of the year and it feels like the end of the year is racing by! I hope that everyone had an amazing half term break after such a busy and stressful half term and now have come back ready to face what will be another busy, yet extremely fun, final term of the year; what will be the final term at Cottingham for many of you.

Obviously, the final term at primary school can be an exciting and emotional one. There will be lots of focus on new schools as the year 6s have the opportunity to visit them and make preparations however there will be lots of opportunity to take a step back and reflect on all of the moments that they have had at Cottingham. The final week will of course contain the leavers assembly and, going from previous years, this is a time that the children love thinking about all that has happened and creating those funny tales.

It is also an important term for our year 5s as they start to focus on their important year next year. Today I had the opportunity to have all the children together for our PDET maths day and I must say that the children were all a credit to the school, getting fully involved in all of the activities and behaving impeccably. I can see already that they will make a wonderful year 6 next year. Well done to all of the children!

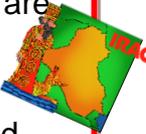
A lot of our focus for the next few weeks will be upon our end of year show- Joseph. Many of the children have been given their parts and we will soon be sending home letters for costumes. Please listen to the songs from the musicals as much as possible with the children.

Learning Journey



This term our topic is called "Journey to Iraq".

This term we are continuing to look at the ancient city of Baghdad as part of our topic. We have begun to look at the ancient tales from Arabian Nights. Children have found out about the character of Sherezade and how she retold the tales. They are then going to be using Arabian techniques to recreate pictures for their own Arabian Nights books. These will include the use of pattern and also using printing. Finally, linked to the English that we are doing, the children will be creating their own Arabian nights themed stories and then in design and technology, creating moving pictures to go into a version of the story, also supported by the art work that they created.



Love Reading



Just to remind you that we would like all children to read at home at least five times a week. This is such an important skill and hobby for their lives to come and also a massive impact on their writing skills. The children have to read either to an adult or themselves 5 times a week. I am also going to be asking pupils to create their own recommendations for different books that they have read, really spreading the love of reading to fellow pupils. Please remember to have reading records in school all week.

Behaviour & Reward

Well done for everyone who managed to achieve reach for the stars last term. Please watch out for the children bringing home reach for the stars stickers and certificates. Children get rewards for homework, reading, great effort and demonstrating our values.



CARE-BUILD-FOLLOW-THINK



Homework

This week new spellings will be set for both the year 5s and year 6s. I will also be asking the children to ensure that they are practising their multiplications at home. Weekly maths homework will continue to be set on a Friday with My Maths to be completed by the following Friday but, as always, please feel free to use the site to practise any skills.



Last term children worked well in their real PE unit on physical skills. This term PE will continue to take place on a **Tuesday and a Thursday** afternoon but, as ever, please ensure that the children have PE kits in school all week. On a Friday, as from this week, all of the children in Hawthorn will be taking part in swimming lessons at the Corby pool. I can't wait to see the progress that the children will make!

Literacy

The children are currently completing their unit about discussion texts and we have put a lot of thought into how to use connectives to join different viewpoints together when writing. We will now use drama to create court scenes to debate just how guilty we think Macbeth was!

Our next unit will then be linked very closely to our theme as we are using the Arabian Nights stories as a basis for our own writing. The school has purchased some beautifully illustrated and written books with these traditional tales in and I am really looking forward to seeing the work of the children come to life by joining both their writing skills with design technology and art work. I am sure they will end up pride of place at home!



Numeracy

As the children have now completed their SATs, the maths curriculum is organised so that it is covered by the final term. This is great news as it allows us time to really focus on problem solving skills. I have thoroughly enjoyed watching the children use logic skills to solve problems this week. This term will really be a time to revisit all of the areas that children feel less confident with but also apply it to problem solving and reasoning. This will be an important preparation for secondary school for the year 6s but also invaluable for our year 5s.

Dates for the diary

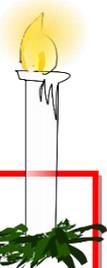


Summer term 2

- 7.6.18 – swimming lessons begin for year 5 and year 6
- 12.6.19- new entrants evening
- 13.6.19- Kingswood food tasting competition
- 13.6.19- year 6 puberty talk
- 24/25.6.19- UCC transition day
- 4.7.19- sports day
- 5.7.19- reserve sports day
- 8.7.19- Joseph dress rehearsal
- 9/10.7.19- Joseph performances
- 11.7.19- Love to lunch
- 12.7.19- KSA transition day
- 23.7.19 year 6 graduation assembly
- 24.7.19- end of year service
- 24.7.19- school closes for summer

Attendance –

Due to attendance being consistently good across the school, there will be no weekly trophy award. Instead, the award will be for the class with the termly best %.



Collective Worship

Mon – Class Singing Worship **Tues/Wed – Whole Sch** Worship **Thur – Class** Worship **Fri – Special Awards**

Please come and join in with our Special Award Worship every Friday at **2:30**. We do ask that you bring along your singing voices. Who will receive the class Star of the Week/Headteacher's Award?

