



# Hawthorn Class



## Autumn 2 2019



### Welcome Back

Welcome back to the second term of the year. I was so impressed with the work of all of the children last term and am so looking forward to the rest of the year with them- it looks like it will be a very enjoyable and successful one! At this point, obviously year 6s are very much focused on Rock UK and have enjoyed hearing the schedule for the week. Please ensure that all medicines, Monday's pack lunches and spending money are handed in on Monday morning. If you need a copy of the kit list please ask. The children do not have to be in school until the time the bus is leaving and we will meet in the hall. If you have any last minute questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are hoping to be back at about half past 2 on Friday. Let's hope the rain isn't too bad! Year 5 will be taking place in lessons in both Beech class and with other members of staff. The assembly re-living the week will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November. Children may have discussed with you the art work that was completed during our values day. These amazing owls were etched, spray painted and glue gunned to create some wonderful garden ornaments and these will be available for parents to buy- more details soon. Finally, I am looking forward to discussing the first term and how the children have settled in with all parents during parents' day on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November so I hope you can all make it.

### Love Reading

I hope that all of the children have been enjoying reading at home at home without using their diaries. Please be aware that all children should be bringing home a reading book so please get in touch if this has been an issue. More news soon about the 100 books to read throughout key stage 2!



### Behaviour & Reward

I was extremely pleased to see how well Hawthorn class responded to the new behaviour system that was introduced last year. There have been few repeated entries into the behaviour book and the role model attitude that we have been embedding with the children has been demonstrated through the number of children in Hawthorn receiving head teacher's awards. Well done Hawthorn- I am very proud of you!



### Learning Quest



**This term our learning quests are called "Home is where the Habitat is" and "What makes a hero?"**

We have really enjoyed the first term's learning quest about the animals of the rainforest and we are moving closer to the writing our letter to explain whether animals from the rainforest could be rehomed in the UK forests. So far the children have found out all about the rainforests such as where they are situated and the climate and wildlife that is found in them. To help them to know why animals are different in different places, we have been investigating classifying animals and different life forms which has included a science experimenting looking into growing mould (the most recent mould created a great deal of 'yucks' from the children!). It continues to grow! We are currently investigating how animals are adapting to habitats by investigating evolution and inheritance so pleased be prepared for some questions about where their eye colours etc come from! We will complete the quest by investigating local forests and then choosing an animal to see whether it would adapt to living in our local forests. Our next quest will begin before Christmas and will be allowing the children to investigate all different types of heroes so please be prepared to discuss your own heroes with the children. This will all culminate in the spring term with a heroes' careers day. Lots to look forward to.

**CARE-BUILD-FOLLOW-THINK**





This term, in our PE, we are concentrating on creative skills, allowing children to practise skills that will creatively improve their performance in team games, such as disguising their next move or adapting tactics to suit the game they are in. PE will take place on a **Tuesday and a Wednesday** afternoon but, as ever, please ensure that the children have PE kits in school all week.



## Literacy

To begin our year in English, we will be completing an explanation text. For this unit of English, we will begin by learning an explanation text about gorillas becoming endangered and focusing on how it is created, practising many grammar, sentence structure, vocabulary and punctuation skills as we do so. We will then plan our own version of the text as a class and finally the children will write their own explanation, using the structure. You can support children by asking them to tell you about explanation texts, explain topic themed words and the features of a good explanation text. **Our writing targets for this term are using brackets, dashes and commas for parenthesis, using a range of conjunctions and using topic themed words.**

## Numeracy

We will be continuing to use Maths Mastery to teach our maths sessions this year. This will mean that the children will get the chance to explore their maths in great depth, looking at different pictures and models to show how the concepts they are learning about work. They also get lots of opportunity to talk about their understanding both as a class and in group work. This term in Hawthorn our topics are: multiplication and division and then the old favourite of fractions! Find out more <http://whiterosemathshub.co.uk/>



## Homework

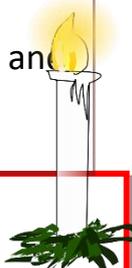
This week new spellings will be set for both the year 5s and year 6s. I will also be asking the children to ensure that they are practising their multiplications at home. Weekly maths homework will continue to be set on a Friday with My Maths to be completed by the following Friday but, as always, please feel free to use the site to practise any skills. **I have been a little disappointed to see that not everyone has been completing the homework set so if there are any problems please do get in touch.**



## Dates for the diary

### Autumn term 2

- 11<sup>th</sup> November- year 6 Rock UK
- 15<sup>th</sup> November- return from Rock UK
- 19<sup>th</sup> November- Hawthorn parent day
- 27<sup>th</sup> November- Rock UK assembly
- 29<sup>th</sup> November- mufti day in exchange for jolly jam jars
- 29<sup>th</sup> November- Leicester Tigers visit!
- 30<sup>th</sup> November- Christmas fair
- 6<sup>th</sup> December- advent service in school
- 10<sup>th</sup> December- ks1 nativity performance
- 19<sup>th</sup> December- team values day
- 20<sup>th</sup> December- Christingle service and end of term



## 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?

