

Welcome Back

Having been a teacher now for about 16 years and I believe that January will mark my 11th year at Cottingham. In all of the time, I can honestly say, as can so many of us, that I haven't had a year that even comes close to this past year. What has just amazed me throughout though is the attitudes that everyone has had: how well the children have adapted to every change and how supportive everyone has been. Now is a time in which we will have to adapt again but I know that children will do fantastically and of course we will get through it. A massive well done to all of them though for their fantastic first term and I am sure that by Easter I will be looking back on many successes amongst the madness!

Last term had so many highlights. I don't think I will ever forget reading the letters that the children wrote to Donald Trump and picturing him sitting in the White House reading letters that just have primary school children telling him off! Unfortunately no reply as yet but will keep you all posted. I also have been really pleased with the way in which the children have been using the new tablets that have been purchased by the PTFA for us. I feel very lucky to have had such a great resource at the children's fingertips.



Class: Hawthorn

Term: 3



Homework

This year in Hawthorn, maths homework will continue to set via MyMaths every Friday, to be completed by the following Friday as well as the home learning. Could I please also remind parents about the need to complete times tables revision using our Times Tables Rock Stars sites. Children should also be reading on a daily basis. Termly spellings will be sent home shortly. These are organized into weeks however please review these frequently.



Quest: Who is right- Richard iii or Sir Winston Churchill?

In this quest, children will receive two letters, the first from Richard iii and the other from Sir Winston Churchill. In these letters, the gentlemen will talk about life in their war and how their war was worse than the others. The children will then find out about life in the two respective wars: The Wars of the Roses and World War 2. The quest will end with a debate about the wars.

Significant person

This year we have decided to introduce to our curriculum a significant person. This is a person who has had a strong impact on our way of life or culture and that we think would be important for the children to know about. This term we have decided to learn about our ex-prime minister, Winston Churchill. Churchill is obviously remembered as being a leader during World War 2 and regarded by many as one of our greatest prime ministers, bringing comfort to many with his speeches during the war.



PE days

This term, PE in Hawthorn will take place on a Thursday and a Friday afternoon and children will need to be wearing their PE kits for these sessions. Children should come to school wearing their PE kits and a tracksuit on top if wished. We are trying to ensure that the majority of PE sessions will be taking place outside for the time being.



Collective Worship

Collective worship will be looking different this term. Mr Scott will be sending home details of any collective worship that will be taking place via Zoom over the next few weeks that all children can take part in from home. In the meantime, our termly collective worship will soon be shared with you to show you the themes that you may wish to discuss with the children whilst at home and that we will be doing in class for those children who are still in school.

This is the link to our local diocese website:
<https://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/>

Homework ideas

As always, we are sharing a range of ideas for you to support the children with their learning quest work at home. A visit to the Imperial War Museum would be great but during these times, that will not be possible. The museum does have it's own website however and this section to find out about the life of children during the war would be very interesting. <https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/how-childrens-lives-changed-during-the-second-world-war>

Other websites that contain information about the war, especially for children, include:

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/world-war-2>
https://www.ducksters.com/history/world_war_ii/
<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/world-war-two/>

The children could use these websites to find out about the war and then use them to create their own war timelines, do a war themed day with WW2 cooking or even write about life for the soldiers or compare it to another war. We are also going to be finding out about Richard iii. I am really sad that the Richard iii visitor centre in one of our closest cities, is closed. You can still visit the site however and find out about how he came to be buried in a carpark in Leicester!
<https://kriii.com/>