

Summer term 1 —Hawthorn Class News—2023/24

Welcome Back

Welcome back to term 5 of the year and its SATs term! I hope that the year 6 are feeling confident in the run up but also looking forward to the week and all the fun that will happen as we approach the end of the year (!). I have posted some revision documents on Teams if you would like to support at home. I am really excited about our trip to see Aladdin in a couple of weeks and I hope that it will give a lot of inspiration to the children as preparations begin. All of the children will be taking part in a choreographed dance session and these always look fantastic and loads of fun. Any questions please do feel free to contact me on f.wason@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

Love 2 Read

Our class book this term is Beetle boy by MJ Leonard. This is a new one for me but I am very excited as I've read that it is a 'darkly hilarious adventure full of exotic beetles, daring schemes, and true friendship.' Thirteen-year-old Darkus Cuttle's search for his kidnapped father leads him to discover a mountain of extraordinary beetles, and pits him against the mad-scientist of the fashion world, Lucretia Cutter, an haute couture villainess with an alarming interest in insects. Sounds fun!



Expectations

The amount of children that are completing their homework on a weekly basis is still well below the 100% that we expect, especially with such a small amount of homework set. If there are any issues with completing at home, please do let us know as soon as possible so we can support in school so that children do not miss out on learning these vital skills.

We will also be reminding children of our school's values.

Homework

As you are aware, there has been a change to the homework that is set this term. My Maths is no longer an expectation. Children will be set a certain amount of time that they have to spend **on garage on TTRS** (15 minutes) and this will be monitored. Children also have to complete the spellings challenge set on **Spelling shed**. In addition to this please practice the terms KIRFs with the children (available on line) and **daily reading** is vital.

Spellings

Spellings lists for year 5 and 6 are available on the Microsoft Teams site/website. Please ensure children are practicing every week.



QUEST

Quest: The Romans

In this quest which is split over the whole term, the children will be finding out about the Romans, both as invaders and settlers in the country. They will explore what life was like for the Roman people and the army and then discover about the impact that it made upon life in Britain. We will then be using our knowledge of the Roman empire spreading to do a study of Europe in geography and also in our Dt creating some Italian themed food.



PE days

This term, PE in Hawthorn will take place on a Wednesday and a Thursday. As always, children should come to school wearing their PE kits and a tracksuit on top if wished.



Collective Worship

Our value for the term in Collective Worship will be **perseverance and endurance**. Collective worship will take place this year on a Monday and a Wednesday, with our celebration worship taking place on a Friday as always. We would love to have parents come along so please do! We will also have class worship on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Details of our Collective Worship can be found at [Collective Worship - Cottingham Primary](#).



Homework ideas

Here are some non-compulsory homework ideas to share with the children at home based around our Quest of the Romans

- Create a quiz to learn key facts about many of the European countries
- Research about one of the countries in Europe that the Romans invaded and create a fact list about it.
- Find out about the Romans in your area— were there any Roman settlements near here? Roads? Names?
- Visit a Roman exhibition at a local museum

Please do share any work that the children have completed with me— can't wait to see it!



A.O.B.

15th April— break dance class workshop

16th April— life education bus year 5

1st May— year 6 trip to Aladdin

6th May— bank holiday

13th-16th May— SATs week

20th May— Silhouette year 6 take over day for Aladdin

23rd May— class photographs

24th May— end of term