

Hawthorn Class

Summer 1 2019



Welcome Back

Welcome back to our Summer term, and it already is feeling very much like Summer! I hope that the children have all had a really relaxing and fun Easter break and are now ready to hit the ground rolling for this short yet important and busy term.

Obviously an enormous focus over the next few weeks will be the SATs, which take place on the week beginning the 13th May and will take place until the Thursday of that week. Many thanks to all the parents who attended the SATs information evening. If you were unable to attend, please get in touch if you would like to receive the powerpoint that was presented. There will however be information be going out nearer the time about the structure of the week. Also, many thanks to everyone who completed their revision booklets- I know that they will really help to get the practise in that is needed.

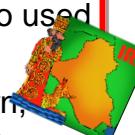
Just before the holidays, I am sure that many of you were able to go and see the children take part in the Spotlight dance. This is something I look forward to every year as I never fail to be amazed at the performances that the children produce alongside the fab choreography from Rutland Dance. As ever, they looked great and danced amazingly and I was definitely having a proud teacher moment with them all. Thanks to all of you for your support. The dance I am sure will be a feature of our end of year show this year, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. We have already had auditions take place in which the children were very brave in their singing and all should be proud. We will let the children know as soon as possible what parts we are giving out.



Learning Journey

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

The children learnt many new things about the ancient city of Mesopotamia last term. Much of our learning was based around it being a world centre of culture, trade and learning. We have found out lots about the House of Wisdom and have also used many of our Maths skills to think about the construction of the city and its design. This term, I am really looking forward to doing a lot of work on science in the theme. We are going to be looking at states of matter, such as dissolving and mixing materials and then we are going to use ancient materials found in Iraq to help us to look at evolution and inheritance and whether we have always looked like this.



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.



Last term children worked well in their real PE unit on physical skills and also practising hard for the Spotlight Dance.. 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. This term the focus of the unit will be on health and fitness skills, including monitoring and recording how hard they are working.



Literacy

I was really impressed with the work that the children did last term regarding telling stories from different points of view. They were able to use the story of Macbeth as a basis for their writing, really

thinking about the description of scenes and characters as if it was from the point of view of an onlooker. They then wrote some scenes from their own favourite stories from different peoples' points of view. The children then have begun our current unit, discussion texts. In this unit we are going to be writing a discussion about whether we think that Macbeth was guilty or not. As a model for their writing, they have been looking at a similar discussion about Goldilocks, using Roald Dahl to maybe change some of their minds!



Numeracy

We have now completed our algebra unit and I am sure that the majority of the children will agree that it is not as scary as it sounds! Thank you to all the parents that joined me for the maths evening at school and also for all of the positive feedback. It was great to be able to demonstrate to parents how a maths lesson looks at Cottingham and how maths mastery is being used to develop children's reasoning skills. This term we are going to be focusing on measurement; perimeter, area and volume; ratio and statistics.

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, especially important in this SATS year. **Please be aware that Maths SATs boosters are available on the My Maths site for all to access.**

Dates for the diary

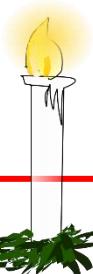
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- 25/4- year 5/6 netball
- 26/4- Easter service to be held at the school
- 1/5- Rock UK information evening - 18.30
- 6/5- Early May bank holiday
- 13/5- grammar and spelling SATs test
- 14/5- reading SATs test
- 15/5- reasoning 1 and arithmetic SATs tests
- 16/5- reasoning 2 SATs test and end of SATs!
- w/b 20/5- National Walk to School week
- 23/5- school photographer to take class photos
- 24/5- school closes for half term break

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?

