

# Hawthorn Class



## Autumn 1 2018



### Welcome Back

Welcome back to a brand new year at Cottingham, with an exciting time ahead. I have been so proud of the class and how they have set the expectations for the coming year, showing really good listening and working hard. It looks like we may really have a great year 6 to set the example for all the other children. Year 6 is of course a year with lots of changes and challenges but it is also a year than can be a great deal of fun! There is a lot to look forward to over the course of the year and I am so excited to see where the year will take us. I just know it's going to be a memorable one!

### Learning Journey

This term our topic is called "Journey to Egypt"

This topic will be taking us right up to the spring half term but involves lots of fun and exploration of what is always a favourite topic. To start the topic off we will be investigating where Egypt is and why it is a great place to visit. To begin with, the children have been given the challenge of creating a poster that persuades people to visit Egypt. They will also look at what life is like for people who live in Egypt today, comparing to their own lives. To complete this, the children will be investigating aspects of Egypt that they have decided are important for a holidaymaker. Following on from this, the children will be investigating ancient Egypt and discovering hieroglyphics and Tutankhamun.

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### PE



PE is already well underway in Hawthorn class and this year the children are lucky enough to have their PE lessons jointly taught by Mrs Wason and Mr Stafford. The children are looking so smart in their new school PE kits, all wearing red and black. The school has started to teach RealPE units, a scheme of PE that concentrates on the skills involved in different aspects of PE, improving these to keep children active and preparing them for team and individual sports. This term we are concentrating on cognitive skills, allowing children to practise reviewing their skills and improving performance. We have been concentrating on balancing and team sports that involve using different strategies to manoeuvre balls between teams and areas. PE will take place on a **Monday and a Thursday** afternoon but, as ever, please ensure that the children have PE kits in school all week.

### Love Reading

We continue to focus upon developing a love of reading for all of the children in the school. This year, in Hawthorn Class, I would really like the children to be getting 100% for reading 5 times a week. Last year Hawthorn Class always came lowest in the weekly reading challenge and it would be fantastic for this to be the term that shows how much reading year 6s can do. All that has to happen is that the children have to read either to an adult or themselves 5 times a week and then as long as this is signed off in their reading diary, the children gain 5 house points each and also counts towards our class percentage. **We can do this Hawthorn!** Also, in our class read, we are reading one of my favourite childhood books, Danny the Champion of the World by Roald Dahl. I hope the year 6s are loving it as much as I do.

**CARE-BUILD-FOLLOW-THINK**

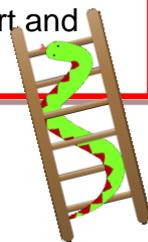
# Literacy



To begin our year in English, I have been fortunate enough to find a great short story written by primary English specialist, Pie Corbett. It is a perfect story for us as it is set in Ancient Egypt and follows the adventure of a young girl as she is transported back to her favourite historical period but then has to think quick to keep herself out of danger! For this unit of English, we have begun by learning the story 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 this story as a class and finally the children will write their own portal story using the structure. You can support children by asking them to tell you the story, explain words from the text and the features of a good portal story. 3 house points for anyone who can bring in a good word for an Egyptian story that they have found through research! **Our targets for this term are description, using tense consistently and capital letters for proper nouns.**

# Behaviour & Reward

This year we will be continuing to use our snakes and ladders system to reward all the positive behaviour we see. Please watch out for the children bringing home reach for the stars stickers and certificates- I know that many children have achieved them this week, starting off the year fabulously! Children will also get rewards for homework, reading, great effort and demonstrating our values.



Please follow @CottinghamCofE for daily news and updates regarding the super children at Cottingham CofE Primary School. It takes just a few minutes to log in and sign up.

# 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. Mastery is all about the children exploring and discussing. Please I am pleased to say that Mrs Wilson and myself have just joined a research group to explore methods of teaching maths mastery and as a part of this will get the opportunity to observe teachers from Shanghai, one of the leading maths countries in the world, teaching maths sessions to primary children in the UK. I know we will get some great tips to try with our children at Cottingham! This term in Hawthorn our topics are: numbers to ten million, negative numbers, rounding numbers and addition and subtraction.

Find out more <http://whiterosemathshub.co.uk/>

# Dates for the diary

## Autumn Term 1

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September-** CSD cake sale in aid of Mrs Southcombe's marathon walk.

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September-** Mrs Southcombe's marathon walk- don't forget to sponsor her!

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October** year 6 at Rock UK

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October-** harvest celebration tbc  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October-** school nurse to see year 6s

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October-** Rock UK assembly

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October-** school breaks up for half term holiday

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October-** school re-opens for pupils



# Attendance -

Each class has the opportunity to win the attendance trophy in our special celebration worship every Friday. Come on team Ash!



## Homework

Homework will be changing slightly this year in that the children will no longer be getting weekly spelling sheets. Instead, they will be getting a list of year 6 words that are learnt for the whole half term and they will be tested on them at the end of term. Children will continue to learn patterns on a week-by-week basis in class. Please take the time to spend some time each week reviewing the words and the rules with children. Weekly maths homework will continue to be set on a Friday with My Maths to be completed by the following Friday but please feel free to use the site to practise any skills, especially important in this SATS year. The children will also receive multiplication homework, beginning the 21<sup>st</sup> September, allowing them to work their way through the multiplication tests so they will know all their times tables by leaving year 6. Reminder letters of the multiplication homework and My Maths log on will be sent home (some have changed).

## Rock UK

It is only 2 weeks now till Rock UK and I know from our chats how excited the children are about the upcoming adventure. I am sure that there are also some worries so please don't hesitate to contact us if there is anything that you are concerned about or would just like us to know. It is always a lovely week that every single one of the children get so much out of, building up not only their physical skills but also, more importantly, their social and independence skills. The children have informed us of preferred room-mates and we will obviously try our best to take these into account but ultimately making choices based on who we know will allow the children to get the most out of their time at the centre.



# Collective Worship

The first Hawthorn Class Worship will be on 17<sup>th</sup> October when we will WOW you with tales of Rock UK. All are warmly invited to come along and join us.

**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?



### Spelling rules for this term year 6

Week 1 – 17.9.18 Suffixes	Week 2 – 24.9.18 ough words	Week 3 – 1.10.18 Suffixes	Week 4 – 8.10.18 Suffixes	Week 5 – 15.10.18 Homophones	Week 6 – 22.10.18 Suffixes
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