

# Hawthorn Class



Spring 1 2019



## Welcome Back

Welcome back to the spring term in Hawthorn Class and a very busy 2019. In our Egyptian topic last term, the children found out so much about ancient Egypt and healthy lifestyles last term and they would very much like to invite you to an Egyptian museum in Hawthorn class. This will be a great opportunity for the children to show off to you the artwork that they have been creating and also the writing that they have done, based on Egyptian themes. This will take place on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> of January at 2.30pm**. We would love all parents/grandparents etc. to attend and see just how hard they have been working. We may also have some Egyptian treats to nibble on (no scorpions I promise). Please just come to the front office to be let in and then children can be taken at the end of the day as normal. We are also beginning to organise both the Spotlight dance for Easter time and already there are whispers about the end of year show! Finally, some SATS boosters will be announced this week for after school time. It's going to be busy!

## Learning Journey

This term our topic is called "Journey to Egypt"

We are now on the last part of our journey to Egypt. To begin with this term, we will be looking at how life would have been for the Egyptians when they didn't have electricity. We will use this to look at the role that electricity has in our lives and making our own circuits. We are then using different materials to add to circuits to see whether they will let electricity pass through them or not. Keeping on the theme of no electricity, we are then using the Egyptian diet to help us to design and make snacks that don't need electricity to be cooked, really focusing on what would have been popular foods in those ancient times and River Nile and how important it was and still is for Egypt.

## 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 and then as long as this is signed off in their reading diary, they gain 5 house points each and also counts towards our class percentage. **We can do this Hawthorn!** 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.

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## PE

Last term's PE was very successful as the children became experts in handball and the creative skills that were being taught. 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 we are concentrating on different team work games that will allow the children to work together to complete tasks, emphasising social skills and being supportive of team members.

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# Literacy

The reports that the children created last term were very successful and really allowed their imaginations to run wild, thinking about the sort of mythical creature that they would like to create. We had a great start to our new literacy topic last term. I am sure that the children mentioned that we had the pleasure of inviting Bugtopia into class. This gave all of the children the opportunity, if they wanted to, to hold a variety of animals. These included scorpions, millipedes, tarantulas and, my personal favourite, a snake! I was very nervous beforehand but I was so pleased that I did, it felt amazing and I know how much the children enjoyed their morning. I was very impressed with how brave they all were. We are now using this experience to help us to write our own stories about facing our fears. Having this kind of first-hand experience will hopefully bring the writing alive for the children.

# 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; I will be sending home a letter next week to give details. This is such a vital part of their calculations as it links closely to so many aspects of maths. 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.



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# Numeracy

The children have now completed their work on calculations and are beginning the fun topic of fractions. We will be looking at comparing fractions in lots of different ways and, to support their learning, ensuring that the children see lots of concrete representations and pictures of fractions, really helping them to understand what fractions are and why we do the things that we do when we are working with fractions. This will then move onto comparing fractions with decimals and percentages. As always, loads of new learning and new thinking for the children.

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



# Dates for the diary

## Spring term 1

**17<sup>th</sup> January 2.30-** Hawthorn Class Egyptian museum open afternoon.

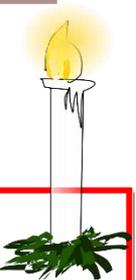
**23<sup>rd</sup> January-** curling for years 3-6.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February-** school closes for half term.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February-** school re-opens for pupils

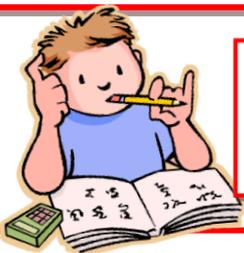
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> | March-** Hawthorn class parent day

**3<sup>rd</sup>/ 4<sup>th</sup> April-** evening performances of Spotlight dance.



## 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?