

Hawthorn Class



Spring 2 2019



Welcome Back

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term in Hawthorn Class. Last term was packed and we were so pleased to see so many of you at our Egyptian museum. We hope that you were impressed with the wonderful writing and art work that you saw. This term will be no different, especially as the SATS gets closer and closer. The children have already taken part in mock SATS this week and we will be sharing the results with parents at parents evening and talking through the best ways to support our year 6s through their tests. Please make sure that you book places to come and see. We will also be holding a maths/ SATS information evening for all the parents to attend so it would be great to see as many of you as possible there. The maths part will give you information about how maths is taught at Cottingham whilst the SATs will give you an insight into what is expected of the children in the tests and also the structure of SATs week. Finally, don't forget Spotlight is coming up (please see all dates below).

Learning Journey



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

As we start our new half-term we are also starting a brand new theme- concentrating on the country of Iraq. This half term we will be specifically looking at the ancient civilisation of Mesopotamia, studying an early Islamic culture and also discovering why it was known as the Golden Age.

The children will begin by looking at the story of Sherezade and the Arabian nights. They will use this to write their own story to add to the 1001 nights tales and then find out about ancient Baghdad, really looking into its routes as a centre of learning that people from all over the world came to visit. Children will find out about the House of Wisdom and then create their own moving picture story book.



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.



PE

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Last term the children worked well on the social skills involved with sport and participated in many games and activities that involved careful teamwork. 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 physical skills so the children are concentrating on their jumping, landing and balancing skills and will be playing games that allow refining all of those skills.



CARE-BUILD-FOLLOW-THINK

Literacy

We had a very successful term with our writing last term. The children were able to create some fabulous facing our fears stories, drawing on their experiences with Bugtopia to help them. After this, the children really put what matters to them into action and wrote persuasive letters about their school toilets to Duncan Mills, the chairman of PDET, trying to convince him that the toilets need funding to be upgraded. The children thought of great arguments as to why the funding should go to the toilets and wrote very professional sounding letters. Some of them were chosen and posted to Mr Mills who has individually replied to both the school and the children, saying that the matter will get attention. He also commented on how impressed he was with the handwriting and professional content of all of the letters. A great results for all 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; 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.



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

The fractions work has been completed now and we are turning our attentions first of all to position, direction and movement, where children will be working with the four quadrants to plot positions and shapes on axis. After this our next topics will be about decimals and percentages and then finally moving onto one of my favourites, algebra. As always the children will be taught these topics using a range of practical and pictorial resources and also asking children to explain their understanding of a range of different methods. Please don't forget to visit our maths mastery parents evening to get a taster of what our lessons involve. Find out more

<http://whiterosemathshub.co.ukme/>



Dates for the diary

Spring term 2

Thursday 7th March- Spotlight dance rehearsals begin

Friday 8th March- world book day outfits

Monday 11th March- Hawthorn class parent day

Friday 15th March- Red Nose Day

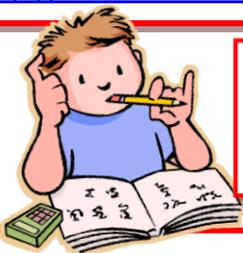
Tuesday 26th March- SATS and maths mastery information evening

3rd/ 4th 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?

