

Welcome Back

Welcome to our final term at Cottingham this year. The summer holidays though still feels a long way away as there is so much to be achieved before we all break up! As I am sure you all know, there are no SATs this year for the year 6s so our assessments are based on teacher assessments. We will be doing our usual termly assessments to support with these judgements. But there are many more enjoyable things coming up in the next few weeks— I am certainly looking forward to the year 6's chance to perform in Spotlight. They have been working very hard on their practicing and I can't wait to see them all dressed up as little Freddie's (please do let us know if there are any issues with the costumes). I am sure that the Burghley House visit will be another highlight for the children and I hope that they will have all completed a lovely bit of sewing in DT this term to allow them to have a nice bag to accompany them. The end of the year will of course then turn to our next year and looking forward, whether to a new school or a new class. Either way this year, as unusual as it has been, has been a very special year with a lovely group of children who I will miss very much (those who won't be there as next year comes). Many thanks to everyone for all of your support over the year— it has been very much appreciated,.

Significant person

This year we have decided to introduce to our curriculum a significant person. This is a person who has had a strong impact on our way of life or culture and that we think would be important for the children to know about. This term we have decided to learn about Nikola Tesla. Tesla was a Serbian-American inventor, electrical engineer, mechanical engineer, physicist and futurist. Tesla worked on real-life projects like the radio, X-ray machines and induction motors.



Class: Hawthorn

Term: 6



Homework

My Maths continues to be set for all children to complete on a weekly basis. Children should also be reading on a daily basis. As well as this homework, we have uploaded spellings to the Hawthorn Teams files for children to practice at home. It would be good for children to revisit the spellings from previous weeks when they are practicing them, particularly ones that they struggle with to ensure that they are remembered. Daily reading is also part of our homework.



Quest: How do we make the Tudor's healthy?

This term, we will be finishing our Tudor themed quest, developing our DT skills to create a Tudor themed bad for the children to use to carry around tasty snacks! Once we have completed the Tudors, we will be doing a stand alone science unit about evolution and a geography unit concentrating on the countries in Eastern Europe and drawing comparisons.



PE days

This term, PE will take place in Hawthorn Class on a Wednesday and a Thursday. For those days that we are doing PE, could the children continue to please arrive in school dressed for PE. Please be aware of the uniform policy for PE. Swimming will also take place on a Friday morning.



Collective Worship



Collective worship this term will continue to take place in classroom rather than in the hall, to ensure that there is as little mixing as possible. On Monday to Thursday, this will occur just in class however on Friday we get the opportunity to join together (virtually) as a school and take part in a celebration worship lead by Mr Scott. For details of the themes of this term's worships, please log into the following document: http://www.cottinghamprimary.co.uk/Content/documents/ChristianValues/collective_worship_planner_sum_2_2020_21_.pdf

Homework ideas

As always, we are sharing a range of ideas for you to support the children with their learning quest work at home. Some websites that give lots of information to children about the Tudors include the following links:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/history-the-tudors/zkgyhbk>
- <https://planbee.com/blogs/news/tudor-facts-for-children-and-teachers>

You can use this site to do a virtual tour of a Tudor town and find out historical facts; <https://www.tudorworld.com/virtualtour>

If you would like to find out more about our Evolution science unit, there are many activities that you could do away from school with the kids:

- A day at the beach looking for fossils
- Go and look at evolution themed displays at the local museums
- <https://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit/galleries-and-museum-map/human-evolution.html> This is a really interesting site from the Natural History Museum
- Spend some time looking at old family photos – what inherited traits can be seen?

