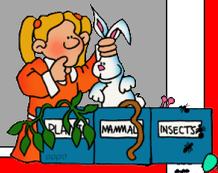


Welcome Back

Welcome back to our first Autumn term of 2021 and a new year at the school! I start the year looking forward to what I hope will be a far more normal and activity filled year for the children. There is so much that I am excited about, already thinking about things like Rock UK coming up or even everyone being together in the hall and the year 6s being able to sit on the benches! Meeting all of the children at the end of the summer term was a real treat and what struck me most was how keen they all were and excited about being in Hawthorn Class. Please don't forget to have a read through the termly overview to see what will be happening in lessons this term. One of the things that I am looking forward to is our straight year group maths teaching. This will mean that I will get to teach all of the year 5s and the year 6s (two maths lessons for me a day!) and I think it will be great for the children to learn maths like this and spend time as a whole year group. There will of course be lots of start of term information coming out but if you have any questions or clarification, please don't hesitate to contact me on fwason@cottinghamprimary.co.uk



Significant person

This year we are continuing to focus on one significant person each term. 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. Our first person this year is scientist **Marie Curie**.



She was a top figure in both physics and chemistry. Her work has included the discovery of radium and polonium, significant work in the field of using x-rays for health care and also major advancements in cancer treatment.

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Homework

This year in Hawthorn, maths homework will continue to set via MyMaths every Friday, to be completed by the following Friday. Learning multiplications are very important and I am hoping to very shortly have the Times Tables Rock Stars site available for everyone to use to support with this. Termly spellings will be sent home shortly. These are organized into weeks however please review these frequently.



Quest: Life Cycles

In this quest, children will be listening to the experiences of a mountain climber. They will then be given the challenge of creating an information book about visiting and climbing mountains. They will find out all about mountains, through geography and also look at the life cycles of animals that are present on the mountains in science.

PE days

This term, PE in Hawthorn will take place on a Tuesday and a Thursday. As last year, – Children should come to school wearing their PE kits and a tracksuit on top if wished.

please read the uniform policy with particular attention to **what should not be worn**.

We are trying to ensure that the majority of PE sessions will be taking place outside for the time being.



Collective Worship

Collective worship will take place this year on a Monday and a Wednesday, with our celebration worship taking place on a Friday as always. We will also have class worship on a Tuesday and a Thursday. I am pleased that we will be able to take part in whole school worship again, as from this term and we look forward to inviting parents in to our celebration assemblies on a Friday. Please click on the following webpage to find details of collective worship in our school and you will also be able to find our termly planner to see themes. http://www.cottinghamprimary.co.uk/Page/ChristianValues_CollectiveWorship

Homework ideas

As always, we are sharing a range of ideas for you to support the children with their learning quest work at home. As our geography part of our quest this term is about mountains, it would obviously be fantastic for the children to experience a real mountain walk. If you get time before it gets too cold, there are some wonderful walks in Derbyshire and here is a site that recommends some family friendly walks: <https://www.countryfile.com/go-outdoors/walks/top-10-easy-mountains-for-beginners/>. Any local hill walks will allow children some of the experiences that mountain walking brings. To help them to understand the creation and features of mountains as well, it would be a good creative task for them to create their own mountain model. Here is a website that gives some ideas: <https://www.3dgeography.co.uk/mountain-models>. In our science this term, we are going to be finding out about classifying animals. Perhaps they would like to chose their favourite animal or pet and then use the internet to find out which of all seven layers of the classification system. Here is a good website to start with https://www.kidzone.ws/ANIMALS/animal_classes.htm What other life forms can they find in their gardens? We are also finding out about microorganisms so growing some mould should be fun (does it look the same on all food!?).

