

Welcome Back

Welcome to term 2 of the Autumn term for 2021-22. I am so pleased with the start to the year that we have had and of course the highlight of last term has to be the trip to Rock UK for the year 6s! I am delighted with the achievements of so many children during the week and what people were prepared to have a go at doing. It was wonderful to be back after missing it last year and I hope that the children felt the same too. Our quest last term was about mountains and I was delighted to see the work that the year 5s put into their mountaineering information book when we were away. I think that a highlight of the learning for all of us was definitely the DT project to create their own battery powered vehicles. The children loved getting hands on with this project and you could see their delight when the cars were actually moving across the hall floor. Well done everyone! In our class, as always, we have been promoting the love of reading in many ways, including our daily reading pledge time. In this we are currently reading Cogheart. This is a book that we used as an inspiration for our recent literacy unit and have continued in our pledge time. The children have also loved reading Danny the Champion of the World with Mrs George last term, one of my childhood favourites.



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. Our second figure for this year will be Emmeline Pankhurst. She was a suffrage fighter who began the suffragette movement to campaign for women to have the right to vote. She was considered a criminal due to her willingness to use extreme methods to get her voice heard. We shall examine this with the children.



Class: Hawthorn

Term: 2



Homework

This year in Hawthorn, maths homework will continue to be set via MyMaths every Friday, to be completed by the following Friday. Learning multiplications are very important and I am pleased that all children have now been signed up to the Times Tables Rock Stars site. Please contact me for details if needed. Termly spellings will be sent home shortly. These are organized into weeks however please review these frequently.



Quest: Crime and Punishment

Our quest for term 2 will be crime and punishment. This will be a history focused unit in which children will learn about crime and punishment at different stages in history and be able to compare them. We will also be using our science work on life cycles and art work on printing to support with our quest this term.



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. Although these are not compulsory, they are fun ideas to extend what the children are learning through activities at home. A fun creative task to get them started would be to get them to imagine that they were in charge of the country and if they were, write a set of laws that they would have in place and to think of punishments for breaking the laws! They could also create a timeline of different crimes and their punishments throughout the ages, including maybe their thoughts on whether they thought all the crimes were fair or not. A great place to visit would be the National Justice Museum in Nottingham. This is Nottingham's former Courthouse and jail and it houses the UK's largest collection of over 40,000 law, justice, crime, and punishment artefacts with lots of fun activities to bring history alive. Please do visit their website at <https://www.nationaljusticemuseum.org.uk/museum/>. Children might also enjoy taking their own aspect of crime and punishment through time and research how it has developed such as the history of the police force in the UK or different methods that have been used to solve crimes. Please do send in or tweet any work done.