

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to term 3 at Cottingham and Hawthorn Class. I do hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas and managed to spend time with those nearest and dearest. Well now the Spring term has begun and I am already looking forward to having more daylight and seeing blossom on the trees! Last term was certainly hectic, especially as we approached the last couple of weeks, however the children completed some great work. The crime and punishment quest was definitely a hit and I think that the children enjoyed putting me on a medieval style 'trial by ordeal'! I am still not convinced that my judge was being completely fair. I really enjoyed watching the progress that the children made in their art also— we had some great portraits completed. For our reading pledge this term, we are continuing to read Cogheart. The children have been thoroughly enjoying this mystery story and I think we all can't wait to find out what has really happened! I think that there might be some requests for the sequel afterwards!



## 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 significant person this term is John Edmonstone who was a very important figure in the world of scientific research. He was born into slavery, but when he gained his freedom, he moved to Scotland where he met a man called Charles Waterton, who taught him the skill of taxidermy. This is the practice of stuffing animals after they have died. After this, he became a teacher at Edinburgh University, where he taught Charles Darwin. It could be said that Darwin couldn't have come up with his ideas without what Edmonstone taught him - so that's a pretty big deal.



**Class: Hawthorn**

**Term: 3**



## 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 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.

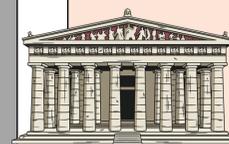


## Quest: The Greeks

**In this quest, children will be finding out all about the ancient Greeks and their culture. They will be discovering about Greek legends, comparing the different Greek city states, Greek religion and gods, The Olympic games and the Greek influence on the world. We are hoping to complete our quest with a Greek themed evening.**

## 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](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. To begin with, the children could make a holiday brochure for Greece, thinking about the interesting places that could be visited in Greece to help them to find out about the Ancient culture. They could even make a collage of all the different places that they could visit from pictures. Some reading about the Greek myths is always fun and there are many of the stories available to read online should the children want to do so. Here is a site that has many of the myths to read: <https://greece.mrdonn.org/myths.html>.



Another fun idea might be to create some Greek food. You can write down the recipe and even take pictures of your creations to share with the class. You could also design and create your own labyrinth that could have your own mythological monster hidden in the heart of it. Lots of museums also have Greek displays so if you get the chance, see if you can visit. Also try learning some Greek words.