



Autumn Term 2—Hawthorn Class News—2023/24

Welcome Back

Welcome back to term 2 of the year. I am so pleased with the start to the year that we have had. Our quest began last term and was about the rainforest. I was impressed with the learning that went on in the geography part of it and also the passion that the children put into their letters to Rushi Sunak about their learning and concerns— I do hope that we will receive a reply back from him! As we look forward to next term, for the year 6s Rock UK will definitely be high on the agenda. If you have any questions before we go, please don't hesitate to get in touch and I'm sure we will have a great week. It will be an exciting term with our DT project to come and then Xmas!

Love 2 Read

In term 1, we began to read A Series of Unfortunate Events as a class. I have heard a lot about this book but never read and I, along with the children, have been loving it. I can't wait to find out what happens to the children! We also began to look at River Boy in our guided reading and this is one that I hope that the children will be inspired to take a look at further— it tells the story of a girl and her dying grandfather and explores why he is so desperate to finish his last painting. This term we will also be reading Time Travelling with a Hamster by Ross Welford and in our guided reading we will explore Cogheart— a great read!



Expectations

This term we will be continuing to focus on implementing the schools expectations straight away and ensure children are following the rules throughout the school. We will be setting high standards of showing respect to everyone around the school. I would like children in Hawthorn to be especially aware of our expectation of caring for our equipment as some children have deliberately damaged items from their pencil case and it would be great if this is reinforced at home.

Homework

As you are aware, there has been a change to the homework that is set this term. My Maths is no longer an expectation. Children will be set a certain amount of time that they have to spend on garage on TTRS (15 minutes) and this will be monitored. Children also have to complete the spellings challenge set on Spelling shed. In addition to this please practice the terms KIRFs with the children (available on line) and daily reading is vital.

Spellings

Spellings lists for year 5 and 6 are available on the Microsoft Teams site and are also sent via parent mail. Please ensure children are practicing every week.



QUEST

Quest: rainforests In this quest,, the children will be doing lots of activities to do with rainforests. This first time we are focusing on the geography aspect of the learning and moving onto rainforest themed art and DT after half term. We will begin our Quest by visiting Hammerton Zoo to learn about some of the animals that live in the rainforest. The children will then be given the challenge of rehoming a rainforest animal in a suitable environment. They must then explore the geography of the rainforests and the science of the animals to make a conclusion.

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.



Collective Worship

Our value for the term in Collective Worship will be **re-spect and empathy**. 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 would love to have parents come along so please do! We will also have class worship on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Details of our Collective Worship can be found at [Collective Worship - Cottingham Primary](#).



Homework ideas

Here are some non- compulsory homework ideas to share with the children at home based around our Quest of rainforests

- How about exploring the plant and animal wildlife in local forest or nature spot?
 - Creating their own creature or plant and describing how it would fit into one of our classification pods.
 - Baking their own bread at home to find out about the yeast
 - Finding out the other world rainforests
 - Creating a model or diagram of a rainforest
- Please do share any work that the children have completed with me— can't wait to see it!

A.O.B.

30th October— TTRS dress up day

3rd November— EYFS open morning

8th November— cross country

13th November (wb)- Rock UK week for year 6

14th November— England Rocks

7th December— Christmas jumper day

19th December— guitar/ choir/ drums concert

20th December— break up for Christmas holidays

