



# Spring Term 1—Hawthorn Class News—2023/24

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to term 3 of the year. I do hope that everyone had a lovely break Term 2 was a busy term and the children did so much to be proud of with some great work and also the fantastic achievements that the year 6s created at Rock UK. I hope that there will be some memories there that will last for many years. I hope that they really enjoyed the DT and art from the final term and it was wonderful to see their enjoyment at making their toy cars work. The children also completed some great persuasive writing as an advert to get people to buy their cars. Any questions please do feel free to contact me on [f.wason@cottingham.pdet.org.uk](mailto:f.wason@cottingham.pdet.org.uk)

## Love 2 Read

Last term we began reading Time Travelling with a Hamster by Ross Welford. This book was chosen by the children and is another book that I have not read before. It has been an interesting start though as the main character discovers a time machine invented by a member of the family and then the adventure begins. I'm sure that it will create a very interesting story line. In our guided reading we will be exploring Street Child by Berlie Doherty. This is a fantastic book which looks at the story of an orphan in Victorian London.



## Expectations

This term, we will be focusing on ensuring all children are completing their home on a weekly basis. It was apparent that not all children were completing their weekly homework— the homework that is set is vital for practising many core skills.

We will also be reminding children of our school's values and the responsibility each pupil has in ensuring they are following them.

## 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: The Romans

In this quest which is split over the whole term, the children will be finding out about the Romans, both as invaders and settlers in the country. They will explore what life was like for the Roman people and the army and then discover about the impact that it made upon life in Britain. We will then be using our knowledge of the Roman empire spreading to do a study of Europe in geography and also in our Dt creating some Italian themed food.



## 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 **honesty and self-esteem**. 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 the Romans

- How about using a sheet to create a toga— can you make it stay?
  - Find out about the Roman gods and goddesses— can you draw a picture of one of them and annotate it— how do they compare to the Greek gods?
  - Find out about the Romans in your area— were there any Roman settlements near here? Roads? Names?
  - Visit a Roman exhibition at a local museum
- Please do share any work that the children have completed with me— can't wait to see it!



## A.O.B.

- 12th January— Young Voices trip
- 17th January— NHS coffee morning
- 22nd January— online safety day
- 9th February— KS2 love to lunch
- Monday 5th—9th February— Children's Mental Health awareness week.
- 15th February — PTFA Valentines Disco
- 16th February— break up for half term