

Spring Term 2—Hawthorn Class News—2023/24

Welcome Back

Welcome back to term 4 of the year— I can't believe we're half way through already! Last term was another busy one but the children created some great work. We loved finding out about the planets in science and the first part of Romans history work was interesting— now we are moving on to how they affected Britain when they invaded here. I do hope that you've had a chance to see some of the children's work, especially the amazing portrait work, on Twitter— if not please do check it out. I will be posting regular updates of what is going on in our class. Any questions please do feel free to contact me on f.wason@cottingham.pdet.org.uk

Love 2 Read

In class we are continuing to read A Time Travelling Hamster and also continuing Street Child in our shared reading sessions. I am really pleased that we have been able to acquire a half class set of the books so everyone will be able to look at the books during their reading time. We are also introducing recommending a book so if the children have any favorites that they would like to share with the class, that would be amazing. It's so good for children to hear about great books from their fellow pupils and also why they like them!



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 **forgiveness and friendship**. 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.

27th February— children back in school
28th February— Judaism experience
7th March— world book day
15th March— cricket takeover day
18th March— Hawthorn parent teacher day
26th March— drumming concert
27th March— Life Education wellbeing workshop
28th March— last day of term