



Hawthorn Class Newsletter Autumn 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good summer and you are all refreshed and ready for a new school year. We are delighted to be working in the new classroom. This term, we will be taking a trip back two hundred years to Victorian Donington. We shall be looking at everyday life in the locality and the changes that have taken place. If any of you have any artefacts or information about Donington's history, please feel free to share it with us. Can I say how impressed I have been with your children's attitude towards the new term. They have settled brilliantly. Can I also say how smart your children look.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me. Thank you for your support,

Mrs Thompson

Autumn Term Curriculum

Maths

This term the main focus is arithmetic skills - place value and the four operations. There is a daily focus on problem solving and reasoning.

English

Our class reader this half term is *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty followed by *Private Peaceful* by Michael Morpurgo after half term.

Science

Earth and Space is our topic this half term followed by *Forces* after half term.

History

A local Study - comparing life in Donington over the past 200 years. This incorporates studying the changes that took place during Queen Victoria's reign. We shall also study Victorian Crime and Punishment.

Geography

This will include: Maps skills, identifying land use and the changes in population, infrastructure and transport in Donington since Victorian times.

P.S.H.E.

Relationships and citizenship including anti-bullying week.

Design and Technology

We shall be sewing a Victorian cross stitch bookmark.

R.E.

How does Christian worship and celebration bring a sense of community?

P.E.

This will be on Thursdays and Fridays. (Please have indoor and outdoor kit in school on these days.)

Computing

Programming will be taught by Mrs Kitt.

French

Where we live and Christmas. (A themed day is planned.)

Music and Art

This will be taught on a rotation basis by Mrs Skanski-Such.

Uniform and PE Kit.

Please can you check that uniform is clearly named. Also, a reminder for P.E., children should wear a T shirt in their house colour. Please can you make sure they have trainers for outdoor and plimsolls for indoor P.E. P.E. usually takes place on Thursdays and Fridays. Thank you.

Homework

Homework is issued on Fridays to be handed in by the following Thursday at the latest. It consists of a maths and a spelling task as well as one other which could be science or topic related. Please can you encourage your child to complete their homework in plenty of time and not leave it until the last minute so that they can submit work of which to be proud. If anyone is struggling with homework, it can be brought in on Mondays for guidance, help and advice. Good quality homework is always rewarded.

Snacks and Water

Children are encouraged to bring fruit or vegetables for their mid-morning snack. Points are awarded for doing so. I am happy for children to have water bottles on their tables. However, it must be water only.

Reading

You will notice that KS2 have been issued new home/school Reading Diaries. We are encouraging children to read for at least 20 minutes a day in their own time. There is space for you to write comments to encourage them with their reading too.

Accelerated Reader continues to be a great success in helping your children to become successful readers.

There are rewards for gaining 100% in the reading quizzes.

11+ Tests

If you are a year 6 and are taking the tests, they will take place on 14th and 21st September in school (for Boston) and 15th and 22nd September at the Spalding High School or Spalding Grammar School (for Spalding). Practice papers will be administered and marked in school early next week in preparation for the actual test.

SATs National Testing

For year 6, SATs tests will take place on 13th - 17th 2019. It is essential that all year 6 are present for these statutory tests.

House Captain Elections (Year 6 only)

Children interested in running for House Captain should have their poster ready by Friday 7th September and their speech ready to deliver to the whole school on Monday 10th September.

PGL Residential Trip (Year 6 only)

A separate letter will be sent out shortly inviting parents and carers to an information evening about the trip.

This term, our Class Assembly will be on Friday 28th September at 2:45pm.