

Hawthorn Class Timetable							
	1st lesson	2nd lesson	3rd lesson	Lunch		4th lesson	5th lesson
Monday	English	Sounds Write	Maths			PE	Guided Reading/ Computing
Tuesday	English	Sounds Write	Maths			Art/DT	PSHE
Wednesday	English	Sounds Write	Maths			Computing	RE
Thursday	English	Sounds Write	Maths			Music	PE
Friday	Geography/History	Sounds Write	Maths			Science	Science

Where possible the above timetable will be used.

Timings:

Registration: 9.00am

1st lesson: 9.00 - 10.15am

2nd lesson: 10.45 - 11.05am

KS1 lunch 12.00pm

4th lesson: 1.00 - 2.00pm

Assembly 10.15 - 10.30am

3rd lesson: 11.05 - 12.00pm

Afternoon Break: 2.00 - 2.15pm

5th lesson: 2.15 - 3.30pm

Morning Break: 10.30 - 10.45am

Hawthorn Class Year 2



Autumn 2023

Newsletter for Children and Parents



Class Routines and Information

Welcome to Hawthorn Class. I hope that you had a lovely summer break and that your child is excited about coming into Year 2. We have many things planned for the year and I am really looking forward to working with you and your child.

Staff: Mrs Carter will be teaching in Hawthorn class on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday morning and Thursday. Mrs Farrugia will teach Hawthorn class all day on a Friday and one lesson on a Thursday morning. On a Wednesday afternoon Mrs Wilmington will teach RE and then Mrs Churchill will teach Computing. Mrs Wilmington is the class teaching assistant and works with us every morning and Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

Daily Routines: Children can enter the classroom from 8.45am and start the maths or spelling activity. The register will be taken at 9am.

Reading Books: Children should have their reading book in school every day. They will read with an adult during guided reading once a week and also on an individual basis at least once a week in the Autumn term. We will ask the children a range of questions about the text they are reading so we can check their understanding of inference and language. Please try to read with your child at home as often as you can, this really helps the children to gain confidence with their reading. The children continue to enjoy using 'Reading Eggs' in school, please encourage the children to use this great resource at home too.

Library : We will go to the library on a Tuesday every week. Please encourage your child to make the most of this fantastic resource we have in school. We encourage children to take home a library book that they are interested in, even if they cannot read it independently. If this is the case, please share the book with your child and read it to them if necessary.

P.E: We have two PE lessons a week (Monday and Thursday). Please ensure that all items of PE kit are named and that your child has their PE kit in school every day. Many children prefer to leave it in school for the half term. If your child wears earrings, they will need to either remove them or cover them up for lessons.

Homework: Each week your child will bring home spelling words to learn - the sheet should be kept at home and doesn't need to be returned to school. They will be tested every Friday but also we will look in their work to see that they are transferring their spelling knowledge. We will have a piece of English and Maths homework on alternate weeks, given on a Thursday and due in the following Wednesday. Please encourage your child to do their best when working at home.

Water Bottles: Children should drink throughout the day, therefore please send a named water bottle into school each Monday so that your child can have water in the classroom at the end of each lesson. The water bottle will be sent home on a Friday to be washed and returned to school the following Monday.

Snack: Children are provided with a piece of fruit in Year 2. Children may bring in a piece of fresh fruit or vegetables for their snack. Please avoid the dried, coated packets of fruit.

Packed lunch: We have a school managing allergens policy so do not allow any nut products in school. Please remember this when packing snacks or lunch for your child.

First Aid: If your child has an accident at school and they have received first aid for a head injury, your child will come home with a first aid form and will be wearing a wrist band to let you know.

Topic Information for Parents

English —Our English lessons will be based around the books 'Troll Swap' by Leigh Hodgkinson and 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson. **Stories with character focus** — Children will write their own stories. They will be learning how to use punctuation correctly, including capital letters, full stops, question marks or exclamation marks. They will use conjunctions (and, or, but) to join simple sentences; they will write extended noun phrases.

Maths — Number and place value— numbers to 100. Addition and subtraction—fact families, number bonds, adding and subtracting 1 and 2-digit numbers. Shape— Recognising and describing properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes.

Geography — **What a Wonderful World** —The children will name and locate the world's 7 continents and 5 oceans using an atlas. Gain an understanding of the equator and N/S poles. To use a compass.

History — **Why do we Remember?** To deepen the children's knowledge and understanding of important British historical events.

Science — **Healthy Animals and Habitats** — The children will look at various life cycles and understand what plants and animals need to survive.

RE — **What can we learn from stories Jewish, Muslim and Christian people tell?** - The children will compare and contrast creation stories.

Art — **Nature Sculptures** — Observational drawing, making models, sculpture building.

DT— **Fabric Faces** — The children will explore and name different fabrics. They will manipulate the fabrics to create different effects. They will learn how to join fabrics in a variety of ways including being introduced to running stitch. The children will create their own fabric face.

PSHE — **Respecting Rights**— The children will learn about what rights are and identify rights that all people share. They will learn about how people protect their rights and how to show respect for others. They will learn about why it is important to be fair.

Think Positive—The children will recognise and describe positive and negative thoughts. They will discuss the consequences of the decisions they make. They will describe ways to show or give thanks for what we have.

Music — **Carnival of Animals** - The children will explore ways that the composer – Camille Saint-Saëns – has used instruments, rhythm, articulation, tempo, and pitch to create pictures of the animals in our imaginations.

Songs for Christmas Performance

Computing—In the weekly computing skills lesson topics include programming, multimedia and online safety. Children use ICT across the curriculum.

Year 2 events this term:

Tuesday 12th September — 9am —Hawthorn class meeting for parents. If you are unable to make this meeting I will be sending home a letter with all the information from the meeting.

Monday 6th November—3.30-6.30pm—Parent consultation meetings

Thursday 9th November—8am-10:30am—Parent consultation meetings

Walk to Spinney — Date to be confirmed

Please note that whole school/key stage events will be published with the school newsletter.

Values: The values that we will be learning about this term are:-

September—Respect

October—Responsibility

November—Independence

December—Patience

It is always lovely to hear how children are living the values out of school. Please let us know when you witness your child demonstrating one of our values and we will celebrate this in school.