

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

Where possible the above timetable will be used.

Timings:

Registration: 8.55 - 9.00am

1st lesson: 9.00 - 10.10am

2nd lesson: 10.45 - 11.05am

KS1 lunch 12.00pm

4th lesson: 1.00 - 2.00pm

Mastering number —15 minutes — 4 times a week

Assembly—10.10—10.30am

3rd lesson: 11.05 - 12.00pm

Morning Break: 10.30 - 10.45am

Afternoon Break: 2.00 - 2.15pm

5th lesson: 2.15 - 3.30pm

# Hawthorn Class Year 2



Spring 2024

## Newsletter for Children and Parents



## Class Routines and Information

Welcome back, I hope that you had a lovely Christmas break and that your child is excited about coming back to school. We have many things planned for this term and I am really looking forward to continuing to work with you and your child.

**Staff:** Mrs Carter will be teaching in Hawthorn class all day on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday morning and Thursday. Mrs Farrugia will teach in Hawthorn class all day on a Friday and one lesson on a Thursday morning. Miss Barber will be working in Hawthorn class this half term, she is a trainee teacher. On a Wednesday afternoon Mrs Churchill will teach Computing and then Mrs Wilmington will teach RE. 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 8.55am and the first lesson will start 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 Spring 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 Tuesday). 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.

**Homework:** Each week your child will bring home spelling words to learn. They will be tested every Friday but also we will look in their work to see that they are transferring their spelling knowledge. The children will bring home their maths homework grid to work through each week at home. Our key focus continues to be on reading. Please read with your child at least 5 times a week 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/lunch:** 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. Please ensure that there are no nut products used in packed lunches as the school has a managing allergies policy.

**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.

**Uniform:** Please check that all uniform is labelled with your child's name.

## Topic Information for Parents

**English** — This term, we will be using the books 'The Dragon Machine' and 'My Name is not Refugee'. The children will create and describe characters and settings. They will use subordination, write expanded noun phrases, use the past and present tense and use punctuation correctly.

**Maths — Money**—Counting money, making amounts and finding change. **Multiplication and Division**—Recognising equal groups, using arrays, the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and dividing by 2, 5 and 10. Solving problems using multiplication and division. **Length and Height**—Measuring in centimetres and metres, comparing and ordering lengths and heights. **Mass, Capacity and Temperature**—Comparing mass, measuring in grams and kilograms. Comparing volume and capacity, measuring in millilitres and litres.

**Geography — Sensational Safari** - Children will learn about similarities and differences between Harlington and village life in Kenya

**History — The Great Fire of London** — Children will learn about key events of the Great Fire of London and develop an understanding of ways in which we find out about the past.

**Science — Materials**— Children will learn about the uses of everyday materials.

- **Living Things and their habitats** — Children will learn about a variety of habitats and the plants and animals that live there.

**RE — How do we show we care for others?**

**How do we show we care for the Earth?**

**Art — Lowry** — Children will learn about the life of Lowry and to learn about the industrial landscape that provided the subject of his many paintings. They children will mix colours, paint a seascape, draw buildings and figures.

**DT— Packed Lunch Problems** — Children will explore different types of packed lunch boxes. They will design and make a packed lunch box.

**PSHE — One World** — Children will learn about the relationship between people and their environment and how people use the Earth's resources.

- **Safety First** — Children will learn about everyday dangers, in the home and outside and how they can keep themselves safe.

**Music — Recorders** — Children will begin to learn how to play the recorder. Recorders will be provided in school.

**PE — Games, Dance and Gymnastics**

**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 6th February**—Safer Internet Day

**Thursday 7th March**—World Book Day

**Monday 4th March**—Parent Consultations—3.30pm—6.00pm

**Thursday 7th March**—Parent Consultations—8.10am—10.30am

**Thursday 28th March**—Easter Service at St. Mary's Parish Church

Milton Keynes Museum—To be confirmed

*Please note that other whole school events will be published with the school newsletter.*

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

**January— Appreciation      February— Honesty      March— Courage**

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.