

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to this new school year and a big welcome to Hawthorn Class.

Firstly, and as a gentle reminder, please ensure all school uniform, especially jumpers and PE kit, are clearly named. This helps us to return items quickly if they get misplaced. You will need to provide your child with a break time snack, consisting of a fruit / vegetable and/or a small sandwich which should be in a named container. Please provide water in a named reusable water bottle for drinks throughout the day.

Though I'm sure you are familiar with our learning behaviours they do expand and develop throughout Key Stage 2. Find attached below our Year 4 statements. Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with them and it would be great if you could spend a moment with your child talking them through, so we are all aware of our shared goals. Learning behaviours are given out by members of school staff during the day and badges are awarded in Celebration Assembly on a Friday.

English

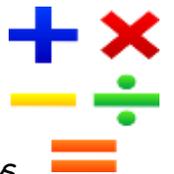


We begin the year with a fiction story 'Lost or Stolen' by Narinder Dhama about a dilemma and our non-fiction unit, 'Gadget Magic' is an information text. Our reading for enjoyment book for this half term is the 'The BFG' by Roald Dahl and we will follow with 'Kasper Prince of Cats' by Michael Morpurgo after half term. For further guidance on Year 4 expectations in English please refer to the 'Year 4 Pack' on the school website: <https://www.tatworth.somerset.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Year-4-Pack-1.pdf>

Maths

This term, our focus within maths will be:

- *understanding the value of each digit in numbers up to 10,000
- *comparing and ordering numbers
- *rounding and estimating numbers
- *calculating using addition and subtraction
- *learning and using the 6,7,9,11,12 times tables and division facts
- *using the four operations to answer word problems.
- *Convert between different units of measure focusing on length
- *Measure and calculate the perimeter of a rectilinear figure (including squares) in centimetres and metres
- *Find the area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares



For further guidance please click the links below to access our school Calculation Policy:

Addition [Tatworth-ADDITION.pdf](#)

Subtraction [Tatworth-SUBTRACTION.pdf](#)

Multiplication [Tatworth-MULTIPLICATION.pdf](#)

Division [Tatworth-DIVISION.pdf](#)

Science

Mrs Bayley will teach Science every Thursday afternoon. This half term we are studying Biology and Chemistry. We are starting by looking at how living organisms are grouped and classified. Then we will be investigating states of matter in Chemistry. After half term our lessons will be Physics and experimenting with sound.

PSHE

This half term we will be concentrating on 'Me and My Relationships'. During this unit we will discuss and explore emotions and feelings, bullying (such as discussing examples of how we can help someone who is upset or being bullied) and explain what being 'assertive' means.

Foundation Subjects

Our History focus for this half term is The Bronze and Iron Age and our Geography focus will be Mountains after half term. Mrs Brooker will be teaching Music (starting with the body and tuned percussion and then changes in pitch, tempo and dynamics) and RE on Tuesday afternoons. Our RE focus this half term is Hinduism. We are also very fortunate to have a specialist language teacher, teaching us French on Thursday afternoons.

PE, Sport and Forest School (FS)

Your child will have Sport/FS on a Wednesday afternoon and PE on Thursdays with Mr Bulbeck. PE kit is requested in on a Monday and returned home on a Friday for cleaning. All children will also need shin pads worn with long socks and a gum shield. Those Children who have FS will be notified separately.

Homework

Spelling lists will be sent home to practise via the Spelling Frame website: <https://spellingframe.co.uk> on a Thursday and closely match the spelling rules we are covering in class. Each week will be clearly dated for you to practise, to work towards a spelling test at the end of each half term. Children will have a sticker stuck into their reading record containing their username and password. It is, however, also helpful to practise writing out words by hand, so we will be sending home a

book to practise writing words and sentences in. A sheet of ideas for how to practise these will be stuck into the front, along with and a list of the Year 3/4 words which need to be learnt (these are words which do not quite follow the rules). These books should be kept at home, though please do check to see that words have been copied correctly!

Reading

Children are responsible for bringing in their reading book and record every day. I ask for your support in this as we will read our reading book every day in class too. Children in Year 4 are expected to read at home and have their record signed at least five times a week. Reading records will be checked once a week on a Thursday and children will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a book token. Please remember that it is also very important to spend some time talking with your child about their book, asking questions to check that they are following the story, expanding vocabulary and thinking about what is happening.

Maths

All children in KS2 have their login details for Times Table Rockstars, and should be practising the times tables set each week. On Teams, there will be a maths video and a worksheet set as an Assignment every two weeks. I will be putting up the first video and sheet onto Teams on Friday 24th and every two weeks after that on a Friday for the rest of the term. Please watch the video and then complete and hand in the Assignment each time by the following Thursday.

Over the next few days we will be deciding upon for our class representatives for School Council, Eco Warriors, Arts Ambassadors and Librarians. Each child will have the opportunity to apply for one category and are asked to prepare and perform a small speech. As class voting will take place this coming Monday 13th September, please help your child to practise a small (about 20 seconds max) speech on their chosen category.

I look forward to seeing you at one of the Teams parent information sessions which are being held on Wednesday 15th September at 4.15pm and 5.00pm.

As always, please send an email or phone the office if you have any questions or issues, and I will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Berrisford

Year 4

Keeping going	I understand that it is okay to make mistakes.	
Risk taker	I will stay positive when I am faced with a new challenge.	
Respect	I will look after myself and others.	
Motivated and engaged	I will show I am listening by actively taking part in lessons.	
Taking responsibility	I understand that I am responsible for my own learning and behaviour and will complete all homework on time.	
Team Player	I will make sure that everyone has a chance to contribute to a group discussion and come to any decisions together.	
Aiming High	I will come up with my own next steps to improve my work.	

Year 4 Homework Timetable

Day	Equipment needed	Homework
Monday	Reading book and record PE Kit	
Tuesday	Reading book and record	
Wednesday	Reading book and record	
Thursday	Reading book and record	Spelling lists set today on Spelling Frame for completion by the following Wednesday. 5 x signed sessions in reading records due in for checking today.
Friday	Reading book and record <u>PE kit home for cleaning</u>	Maths TT homework set and checked today. Maths assignments checked today (every other week starting 24 th Sept).