

Spring Term Newsletter 2022

Dear parents/carers of Hawthorn Class,

Welcome back after what I hope has been a restful and enjoyable break.



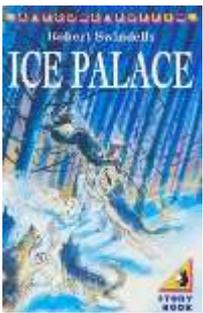
As the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child is well-wrapped up with a named coat, hat, gloves and scarf when necessary! Also, a gentle reminder that pots for healthy snacks and jumpers should be named as well.

Topic

Our History Topic this half term is 'The Anglo-Saxons.' We will study these main points; 'How did the Anglo-Saxon invasions compare to the Roman invasion? How and why did the beliefs of the Anglo-Saxons change and we will describe the changes that happened in Britain during these times.'



English



In reading comprehension this half term, the children are studying 'The Ice Palace by Robert Swindells.

Please continue to read regularly at home and sign reading records at least 5 times a week to receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a book token. Please can all reading records and books be in school every day.

Our literacy and language genre this term is a story told in narrative verse and playscripts. We will then use strands from these genres to form our own writing. We will be revising adverbials, including fronted adverbials, plurals, possession and apostrophes. For our non-fiction work, we will be exploring the language and features of explanation texts.

Spelling homework will continue to link to our work within class and words to practise will be available every Sunday on Spellingframe. Please also continue to practise the word lists in spelling books.

Maths

We have started the term learning about Multiplication and Division and will be moving onto Measurement: Area and then onto Fractions and Decimals.

This term, we will:

* recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 6, 7 and 9 multiplication tables and then up to 12 X 12.

* write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division using the multiplication tables that they know, including 3-digit times 1-digit, and using mental methods

- *learn the formal method for multiplication
- *use times tables to answer division questions
- *find the area of rectilinear shapes by counting squares
- *Count up and down in tenths and hundredths.
- *Compare numbers with the same number of decimal places up to two decimal places
- *recognise and show, using diagrams, families of common equivalent fractions
- *add and subtract fractions with the same denominator

Maths Homework Hawthorn Class will have homework set every two weeks via Teams on these dates: Friday 14th Jan, 28th Jan and 11th Feb. Then after half-term: 4th Mar, 18th Mar and 1st Apr.

In addition, please continue to access TT Rockstars or the Mathsframe website to review times tables practise regularly.

PE

PE will continue to be taught on a Wednesday and Thursday with Mr Bulbeck. This half term we will be focusing on Gymnastics during PE lessons and Tag Rugby for Sport. Please remember to include boots for Tag Rugby on a Thursday and warm clothing.

Other subjects

Science

Chemistry: The Water Cycle

Biology: Animals, (including the digestive system and teeth)

PSHE

Keeping Myself Safe

Rights & Responsibilities

MFL

Spring 1 - parts of the body / simple description (e.g. describing a monster)

Spring 2 - talking about their daily routine

Music

This half term we will be learning to play the Ukulele with Julia Hurley from Somerset

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As ever, please feel free to contact me if and when needed.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Berrisford

Hawthorn Class