

Year 4 Spring Term Newsletter 2023

Dear parents/carers of Hawthorn Class,

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



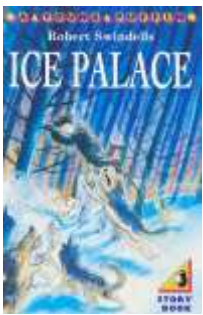
As the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child is well-wrapped up with a named coat, hat, gloves and scarf when necessary! Also, a gentle reminder that pots for healthy snacks PE kits and jumpers should be named as well.

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: Length and Perimeter, 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
- Measuring and finding the length and perimeter of rectilinear shapes
- 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 will continue to be using the maths homework booklets; completing one page each week. Thank you for your help in checking your child's answers.

In addition, please continue to access TT Rockstars website to review times tables practise regularly. Times tables recall is really important to support the learning of maths and TT Rockstars is an excellent resource for this. There will be a maths parent workshop very soon, so please do come along!

PE will now to be taught on Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoons. The children will have swimming lessons on Thursdays for four weeks. This starts on Thursday 19th January (please see separate letter for details).

Other Subjects

Science	Chemistry: The Water Cycle Biology: Animals, (including the digestive system and teeth)
PSHE	Keeping Myself Safe: Rights & Responsibilities
French	Spring 1 - parts of the body / simple description Spring 2 - talking about their daily routine
Music	This half term we will be learning to play the Ukulele with Julia Hurley from Somerset Music
Art	Creating sculptures of insects for a mini-gallery display
RE	Christianity and Easter

As ever, please feel free to contact us if and when needed.
Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Brookes (Monday and Tuesday)

Mrs Stocker (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)