

Hawthorn Class Newsletter

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Dear Parents or Guardians,

Welcome back to the new term. My name is Miss Binns and I will be teaching in Hawthorn class until July. I have really enjoyed my start to the term as the children are well behaved and eager to learn. They really are a credit to both you and the school. I look forward to having lots of fun in our learning this summer.

For our times tables we are learning the associated division sums as well as the multiplications so I would appreciate it if you could ask some division sums too when helping your child to learn their tables. To begin with in Maths, we are looking at addition and subtraction calculations, and the link between them. We will be looking at how we can use the inverse operation to check if we have done them correctly. Then we will use estimation to check if our answers look right too. There will be challenges in each lesson so that we can demonstrate a deeper understanding of the concepts.

In Literacy we will start with a poetry anthology by Valeria Bloom, a Jamaican poet. This will form the basis of some of our writing. We'll be writing our own poems in a similar style and will carry out some research on Jamaica for a non-chronological report. Later we will read 'Into the Forest' as a stimulus for our work. With the skills that we acquire in our SPaG work, we will be able to demonstrate in independent writing. We will also be working hard to improve the quality of our handwriting and our presentation.

This term our topic is a local study of Lower Halstow. We have already ventured out into the locality following a map. We also looked at one street in detail to look at the different types of buildings. Later on in the term we will go to the church to gather some information about the stained glass windows. This will be used to create our own stained glass windows in Art and to carry out a textile project in DT. With this in mind if you have any old scraps of material that you no longer require, these would be gratefully received, please.

Your child's weekly homework will include a spelling, maths and literacy activity being sent home on a Friday which is due in on the following Wednesday, which your child is expected to complete, please. Each week the children will be given a list of spellings for them to learn, which they will be tested on each Friday; sometimes through a dictation task. Our PE days are now on Mondays and Thursdays, so can you please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school on these days. Please can I request that earrings are not worn on these days to make the changing process easier for your child.

I look forward to working with you throughout the summer. If you have any concerns regarding your child, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Miss Binns
Hawthorn Class Teacher