



Year 2 Newsletter Summer One

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a fantastic Easter and enjoyed eating all your chocolate, we certainly did! We have a fun filled half term coming up and both classes will be exploring Forest School once again. Due to the popular demand of Forest School Year 2 will be sharing the Friday afternoon slot with the classes going out alternative weeks. The class teacher will communicate this to you.

We also have our SATs tests coming up during this half term so it is vital that we continue to support your child, both in the academy and at home. Lots of reading and revision at home, as well as in the academy, will really help us to achieve great things this term. We really appreciate your continued support and please do not hesitate to speak to one of the team if you have any questions about the tests.

LITERACY

This half term we are looking at a book that is very different to anything we have seen before. The book is called Journey and is from author Aaron Becker. It is a book that is going to take us wherever we can imagine. There is literally no limit to what can come from this book and we are really going to tap into the children's imaginations. They will be able to write their own stories, focussing on their own interests and taking us on a journey of their own design.

Key vocabulary:

suffix	exclamation	command
conjunctions	punctuation	adjectives
verbs	nouns	adverbs
apostrophe	questions	exclamations

Mathematics

This half term we will be finishing our maths journey by looking at telling the time and learning about capacity and money. We have looked at money before and are familiar with the different coins and notes. So now we will now be looking more closely at working out what change is needed when making a purchase. This along with telling the time are two very important life skills that we are going to learn. Capacity is going to be a very hands on experience and we may get a little wet if things don't go to plan.

We will also be revising all the skills we have learnt and be working on our ability to use the correct skill at the correct time. There will be a strong focus on the children's reasoning and problem solving skills.

Key vocabulary:

part	measure	quarter	whole
quarter	length	third	
temperature	time	multiplication	
division	arrays	half	
o'clock	litres	millilitres	

SCIENCE

This half term we are going to be looking at plants. We will learn how to plant seeds and bulbs. Then we look at what plants need to survive and grow. We will also look at what happens when they are deprived of the things that they need. Over the course of this half term, we will hopefully continue to see our plants develop and study them further. We will look closely at their life cycle and the impact they have on different habitats.

Key Vocabulary:

seeds	photosynthesis
bulbs	flower stem pollen
stem	leaves





Other Curriculum Areas

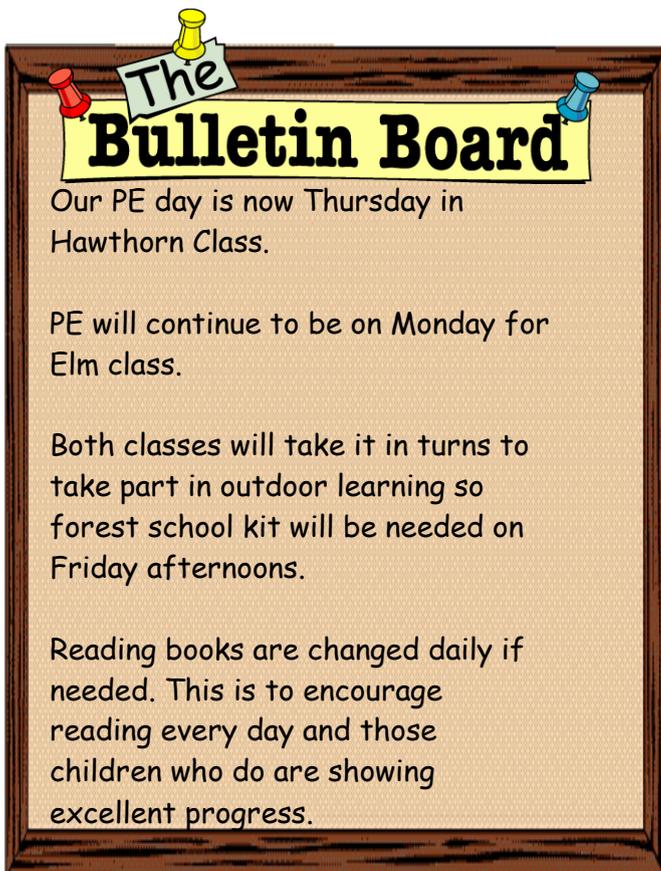
PE - We will be taking the throwing and catching skills that we have learnt and start to use these in larger team games like bench ball.

RE - In RE we will be comparing two of the world's largest religions and looking at the similarities and differences between how Christians and Muslims worship.

PSHE - This term we will be looking at our academy key values and how they impact on ourselves and others.

Music - This term, we will be exploring music through our Charanga programme.

Computing - We will be using computers as a research tool and looking at staying safe online.



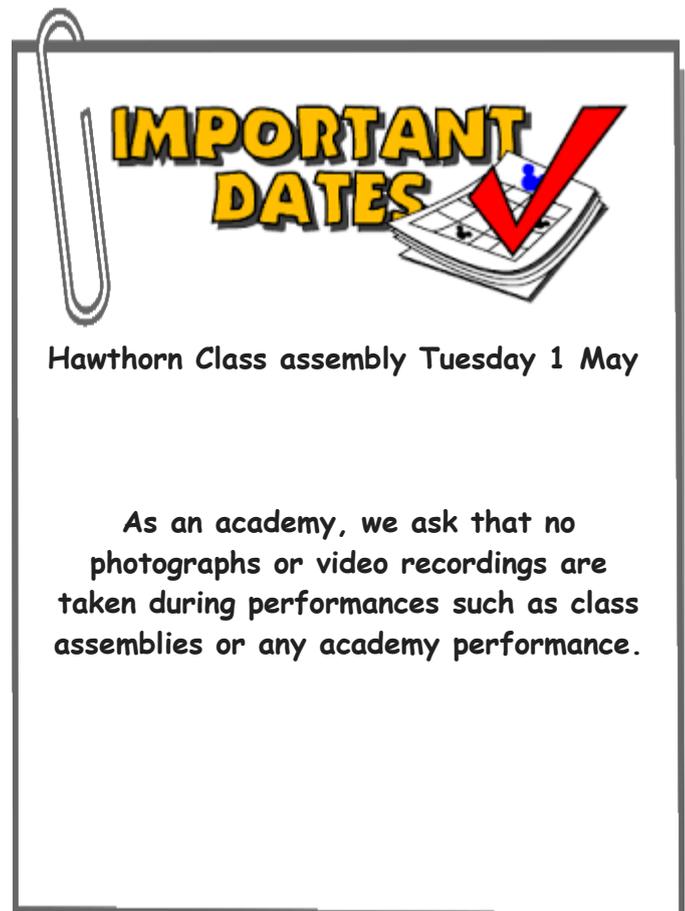
The Bulletin Board

Our PE day is now Thursday in Hawthorn Class.

PE will continue to be on Monday for Elm class.

Both classes will take it in turns to take part in outdoor learning so forest school kit will be needed on Friday afternoons.

Reading books are changed daily if needed. This is to encourage reading every day and those children who do are showing excellent progress.



IMPORTANT DATES

Hawthorn Class assembly Tuesday 1 May

As an academy, we ask that no photographs or video recordings are taken during performances such as class assemblies or any academy performance.

Maths link: <http://uk.mathletics.com/>

Literacy link: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

E-safety link: <http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>



It's time to find out about

Plants and Pirates

What do plants need?

We will be planting runner beans and looking at what they need. Once we have decided what they need we will test this by depriving some of the beans of their essential needs. Over time we will see which beans grow the best and just how much of a difference it makes.



How do plants grow?

Towards the end of this half term we will check our runner beans and discuss our findings. We will look at which plant grew the best and what was happening inside the plant that allowed it to grow.

Who is Christopher Columbus?

We are again going to look at an important historical figure and this time it is going to be the famous explorer Christopher Columbus. We will research his life and look closely at the 'New World' that he discovered.

Were pirates real?

A very important question for our topic and one that we will explore through research. We will look at the true stories and also look at some of the more elaborate tales. We will write our own pirate story and design our very own pirate fit to sail the seven seas.

What do animals eat?

Linked to our plant work we will look at how they are the start of most food chains and the impact they have on the wider world. We will also explore food webs and how plants and animals linked together in different habitats.

Pirate Day!

We will be celebrating our pirate studies with a fantastic pirate day. Children and staff will dress in their pirate clothing and the teachers may even walk the plank!