

10th September 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Hawthorn class. The children are settling quickly into new routines and are keen to learn.

Topics

Topics this term include: 'Why did the Romans invade Britain?' and 'Electricity – switched on' in science. We are hoping to arrange a trip to Chester to learn more about the Romans.

Homework

English: homework includes spellings, reading and occasionally some writing. Please encourage your child to read regularly to develop fluency and reading stamina. This term we are concentrating on new vocabulary. Please check their understanding of any new words (see information in reading record). Spellings include spelling patterns, and spelling rules together with the statutory Y3/4 words. Spellings are recorded on a Monday, to be taken home to learn, and tested on a Friday in the back of the spelling book. Please make sure the book is in school on a Friday. If written work is set, it will be handed out on a Friday to be returned by Wednesday.

Maths: homework includes practising multiplication and division facts regularly. Children have a test once a week to check they are improving their own score or time. Maths homework is set on a Friday and needs to be handed in on Monday (or Tuesday at the latest). Homework will usually be set from a workbook every week, just like last year. Please don't worry if your child is not working from the age appropriate work book - it is far more important that they gain confidence in what they do. Sometimes the children will have re-cap work or practice exercises instead of the work book. Multiplication and division facts are on-going and there will be weekly timed tests.

PE/Swimming: During the autumn term we will have swimming lessons on a Tuesday (beginning on Tuesday 24th September) and indoor PE on a Thursday. PE kit, consisting of black shorts and white T-shirt should be left in school. The children can either wear pumps or have bare feet.

Library Hawthorn library session is on a Thursday. Please make sure library books are in school that day.

Thank you for your support. If you have any concerns please ring or pop in to see either of us,

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