

Dear Parents

Welcome to Hawthorn class. We have enjoyed the first couple of weeks back in school and the children are settling quickly into new routines.

### Topics

Topics this term include: 'Who came to Britain First' (the stone age) and 'Good vibrations' (sound) in science.

### Homework

English: Homework includes spellings and reading books.

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 and record these words in the record book, along with a note of pages read. In line with our covid risk assessment, we will not usually be writing in children's record books. However, we will collect them in over half term to monitor. We will also be recording books read, to encourage children to engage with reading and to change their books regularly.

Weekly spellings include spelling patterns and spelling rules, together with the statutory national curriculum words. Spellings are learnt on a Monday and will be sent home by text, so that you can encourage your child to practise at home. We will be working on them in school too but it really helps if it is a joint effort. They will be tested on a Friday.

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.

All children have a login for TT rock stars. Please allow your child to spend 5-10 minutes on the site most days (short, frequent sessions are much better than long, occasional ones).

Maths homework books will be sent home at a later date. At the moment, we are concentrating on instant recall of times tables- multiplication and division facts.

PE: As you are aware, Mr Sheldon will be teaching PE. This takes place on Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Children may bring trainers to change into and they will be needing waterproof coats.

We are all getting used to new ways of working in school but your children have adjusted brilliantly and we have really enjoyed getting to know them during the last couple of weeks. If you do have any concerns, please text or email us on [hawthornclass@simmondley.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:hawthornclass@simmondley.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Thank you for your support.

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