



**Lower Key Stage 2**  
**at**  
**Hawthorn Community**  
**Primary School**



### **Introduction**

The children in Year 3 and Year 4 will work in 3 mixed age classes. The classes will work closely together to plan for the needs of the individuals to ensure that all children are able to make good progress and achieve well. There will be times where children in Year 3 will work together and times when Year 4 will work together.

### **Curriculum**

In Key Stage 2 the children follow the National Curriculum. At Hawthorn Community Primary School we work on a two year cycle. All children in this part of the key stage will cover all of the objectives from the Year 3 and 4 National Curriculum by the time they finish in year 4.

In Key Stage 2 the curriculum now features a modern foreign language. At Hawthorn we teach French to the children.

Our topics for the two year cycle as:

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| Cycle 1 | Ancient Egypt         | Water  | Victorians |
| Cycle 2 | Stone age to Iron Age | Romans | The Park   |

### **Classes and staff**

All of the classrooms are situated off the hall.

**Willows** – Miss Cooke and Miss Curtis

**Silver Birches** – Ms Butler, Mrs Park, Mrs Smith and Mrs Brown

**Redwoods** – Miss Hedley, Mrs Wiffen and Mrs King

### **Entry into school**

All classes will enter and exit the school from the Key Stage 2 entrance which is situated near to the butcher's end of the school. Please can we ask all parents to stand well back from the door so that staff can see clearly when dismissing children at the end of the day.

### **PPA cover**

Your child's teacher is entitled to non-contact time each week cover will be provided by Mrs Izzard, Mrs Park and from a new sporting company called Finding Fitness who will be providing a whole host of new physical activities for the children to enjoy.

### **Statutory assessments**

There are no statutory assessments in year 3, however, a new multiplication tables check has been introduced for all children in Year 4. This is a simple timed, computerised test. The children will have practised throughout the year for this test and it will take place in mid June.

### **On-going assessments**

Children will be assessed throughout the year in all subjects to ensure that they are making the desired progress needed to reach their end of year target. Any child that is not making the desired progress will be given interventions to support their learning further.

### **Reporting**

Each year you will continue to be invited to attend two parent consultation evenings. These are to inform you of the attainment and progress your child is making as well as set targets for the next term. These will take place in the Autumn and Spring terms. In the Summer term you will be provided with a written report which shows the progress and attainment for each subject area. You are also invited to make an appointment to see your child's current teacher to discuss their report if you have any further questions at that point.

If at any time you want to discuss your child's progress please do not wait until parent consultation evenings. Please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher. This is often a little easier at the end of the school day rather than before school.

### **Toilets and cloakrooms**

As the children move into Key Stage 2 they are given the opportunity to use the Key Stage 2 toilets. The girls toilets and cloakroom are at the far end of the school next to the Key Stage 2 entrance and the boys toilets are at the office end of the corridor. Their cloakroom is situated along the main corridor.

All children in KS2 will now have a locker allocated to them. These are either situated in the main corridor or in the girls cloakroom. All of the children's bags should fit into the lockers as bags will no longer be able to be placed on the corridor pegs to ensure we keep the corridor as clear and tidy as possible. Coats will be kept on the pegs in the cloakrooms and corridor. The children do not need a special bag for their p.e. kit, we simply ask that it is small enough to fit into their locker. (A plastic carrier bag would be perfectly adequate).

### **What to have in school each day?**

Each day a child will need to bring:

- A bottle filled with water not juice.
- A bag, containing reading book and reading record
- Hat and or coat as needed
- Fruit or vegetable based snack - please ensure that these do not contain nuts.

### **PE kits**

PE kits should be available in school every day and stored in the children's lockers. This can be in a simple carrier bag.

- Plain white t-shirt, these can be with or without the school logo, no other logos please. .
- Black shorts
- Trainers
- Dark plain coloured, warm jogging bottoms and sweatshirt for outdoor PE in the cooler months.

### **Homework**

To consolidate children learning, reading should be undertaken at least 3 times a week at home and spellings and times tables practised regularly in a random order to ensure children are able to fully apply them in their work. There will be other tasks throughout the year, please see the information sheets given out each week.

### **Snacks and lunch**

Snacks are no longer covered by the free fruit for schools scheme when the children enter KS2, however, we do encourage children to bring to school a healthy fruit or vegetable based snack, or this may be purchased through school. Milk can continue to be purchased through Cool Milk. Children in KS2 are no longer entitled to a free school meal unless they are in receipt of pupil premium funding. School meals are able to be purchased through the new school catering suppliers, ABM catering. More information of this to follow.

### **Start of the day routine**

At 8.40 the children are invited to come straight into school to complete an early morning task. This may be the opportunity to read, practise spellings, complete a number task or any other small task the class teacher has prepared. They can chose to spend a few minutes playing on the playground until the whistle goes. All children must be in school by the time the bell goes at 8.50am. If your child arrives after this time they must be signed in at the school office.

### **Playtimes**

All children will have a 15 minute morning break time. They will no longer receive an afternoon break time in KS2. However every opportunity will be taken to encourage outdoor learning and the Golden Mile will continue to take place each week. Lunchtime is a little shorter in KS2 and will be from 12.10-1.00.

If you have any concerns or wish to discuss anything please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher , or make an appointment to see Mrs Billingham (Deputy Headteacher) or Mrs Clubley (Headteacher)

We would like to take this opportunity to wish your child well in Lower Key Stage 2.

