



Upper Key Stage 2
at
Hawthorn Community
Primary School



Introduction

The children in year 5 and 6 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 5 will work together and times when year 6 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 5 and 6 National Curriculum by the time they finish in year 6.

Our topics for the two year cycle as:

Cycle 1	Anglo Saxons and Space	Extreme Environments	Tudors
Cycle 2	Ancient Greece and Central and South America	Northern American	World War II

Classes and staff

All of the classrooms are situated along the main corridor.

Maples — Mrs Corney, Miss York , Mrs Dillon and Mrs O'Key

Cedars — Miss Blakeley and Miss Bellamy

Oaks — Mrs Tinto, Miss York and Miss Bell

Mrs Marshall will be providing additional support across all three classes in the phase.

Entry and exit from school

All classes will enter and exit the school from the Key Stage 2 entrance which is situated near to the butchers end of the school. Children in Year 5 and Year 6 may walk home by themselves if they have permission to do so from a parent or carer. They may bring mobile phones into school for this journey however they must be taken to the office at the start of school and collected before going home. Mobile phones and electrical devices should not be brought into school unless the children are walking to and from school alone.

PPA cover

Your child's teacher is entitled to non-contact time each week and cover will be provided by Mrs Izzard, Miss York 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 5, however, the children in Year 6 will sit their end of Key Stage statutory assessments, referred to as SATs. These are tests that are undertaken in mid May. The children will sit tests in Reading, Maths and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. We ask that all Year 6 children are in school during SATs week so they are able to undertake these tests during the test window.

Booster sessions are provided for children in Year 6 to help them to prepare for these assessments and an information evening given nearer the time will provide further information.

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.

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.

If at any time you want to discuss your child's progress please do not wait until parents 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

The children will continue to use the Key Stage 2 toilets and cloakrooms as they have done previously. All children in KS2 now have a locker allocated to them. These are either situated in the main corridor, in Oaks classroom, 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. You do not need to provide your child with a 'new' bag a plastic carrier bag is perfectly acceptable. It just needs to fit inside your child's locker.

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 as well as any other equipment the children may need in school.
- Hat and or coat as needed
- Fruit or vegetable based snack, please do not include any items which contains 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, warm jogging bottoms and sweatshirt for outdoor PE in the cooler months.

Homework

To consolidate children's 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

In KS2 children are not provided with snacks through the free fruit for schools scheme, however, we do encourage children to bring to school a healthy fruit or vegetable based snack. Milk can continue to be purchased through Cool Milk.

Children in KS2 are not 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 about this to follow.

Start of the day routine

At 8.40am 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. Every opportunity will be taken to encourage outdoor learning and the Golden Mile will continue to take place each week. Lunchtime will be from 12.10-1.00pm.

Additional responsibilities

As the oldest children in the school, they will be given some extra responsibilities. Children in Year 5 will act as buddies for the younger children, and Year 6 pupils will have a variety of monitoring roles, sports crew responsibilities and play leader roles to help them to prepare for their move to Secondary School.



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 Upper Key Stage 2.