



Hawthorn Community Primary School



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Welcome back and a Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a good break with lots of family time, fun and happiness. It was lovely to see all of the children back in school this week buzzing with stories about their presents and the things they had done over the holidays.

On Monday I talked to the children in assembly about new year's resolutions. The start of a new year always brings new promises and a fresh start, and I asked the children to think about a resolution they would like us to adopt as a school in order to make Hawthorn a better place; I am looking forward to hearing some of their suggestions! I also reminded the children about how hard it can be to keep our resolutions and how it is ok to 'mess up' or make mistakes as long as we learn from those mistakes, in order for us to grow and be better people in the future.

In EYFS, the children have enjoyed being back at school and sharing their wonderful experiences over the holidays with us. This week we have been looking at robots, 2d and 3d shapes and positional language. We have enjoyed designing our own robots and describing what they do and how they could help us. We also had fun building our own robots out of wood in the workshop and in the junk modelling areas. The children built car tracks with bridges to go over and under, and ramps to go up and down. We raced the remote control cars around their track which has encouraged the use of some great positional language. We have also been looking at the properties of 2d shapes and have begun to explore and name 3d shapes and looked for shapes in the world around us.

This week KS1 have started learning about their new topic Frozen Lands. We have located the Arctic, Antarctic and Equator on a map and discussed which animals live there and what the environment is like. In English we have started working on the story 'The Rainbow Bear', which will be used as a basis for our work across the term. This week we have predicted what may happen in the story before reading the blurb to give more information. After reading the story we have discussed the descriptive language used and stepped out the story using a story map. In Maths we have continued to work on shape but have been focusing on comparing shapes, and discussing the similarities and differences between them.

Year 3 and 4 have settled back quickly after the Christmas break and have been working very hard all week. In English, we have started looking at the story of The Snow Queen by Hans Christian Anderson and have been looking at descriptions of the demon and his magical mirror. There has been some excellent language used, well done! In Maths, we have introduced a more formal method for multiplication and we are very proud of how hard the children have worked on this. We have started our new topic called Wonderful Water. The children have learnt about the water cycle and will be looking at rivers of the world, river features and visiting a local river to experience some real life physical geography.

The children in UKS2 have settled back in to school brilliantly. In English, we have been learning about the 2009 Australian bush fires and have written a newspaper report about it. We have also made links between the 2009 disaster and the current bush fires. In Maths, we have developed our understanding of volume and time tables and have all completed an arithmetic paper. We were very impressed with the children's knowledge. During our reading lessons, we analysed the song lyrics 'Colors of the Wind.' We have started our new topics 'Animals including humans,' and 'Extreme Environments' with great enthusiasm.

House Points for this Term		
	Weekly total	Termly total
Rockingham	83	83
Salcey	90	90
Sherwood	81	81
Thefford	84	84
Well done to everyone in Rockingham this week.		
This term's champions are: SHERWOOD		

PFA Update

Wishing you a very happy New Year from the PFA! Let's make 2020 an amazing year at Hawthorn. We have lots of exciting events coming up and we are still in need of more volunteers. Any help, big or small, is much appreciated. We are a small friendly informal group and can only continue to make these events a success with more support. Join us for coffee and cake on Wednesday January 29th from 7pm in the Community Room (enter through the office and turn left!). If you are unable to make the meeting but would like to be involved, please contact any of the committee members or via our Facebook page 'Hawthorn Community Primary School PFA'.

Reading books

Last term we purchased new reading books for the children to take home to support their reading and phonics development. Please note that these books must be returned to school so that they are available for other children to use. If a book is not returned or lost, a charge of £4 will be made for its replacement.

A Creative Opportunity

On Saturday 18th January the Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust Saturday morning Centres are offering a FREE TASTER SESSION to any child/family interested in finding out what's on offer at their local centre. No experience is needed, and you don't need to be able to play an instrument to go along. Check out www.NMPAT.co.uk/centres to find your nearest centre, and what goes on there! If drama is your thing you can also try out our County Youth Theatre www.NMPAT.co.uk/youththeatre. Why not go along and see if NMPAT is for you? www.facebook.com/NMPAT
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LOST PROPERTY

During each term we seem to amass a huge amount of lost property. Although we try very hard to reunite 'lost' items to their owners, unless clothing is named, this can prove to be very difficult. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named and encourage your child to take care of their own possessions. The lost property box is located in the corridor by the Key Stage 1 entrance and is currently overflowing! All items that have been amassed September will be displayed in the hall after school next **Tuesday**, after which time unclaimed items will be disposed of.



Dates for Your Diary:

January	
14 th	Lost Property on display in the school hall after school
15 th	Deadline for Reception 2020 applications, 5pm
17 th	Willows and Ash Cake Sale after school
20 th	PCSO's to lead 'Blue Butterfly' workshops with all children
23 rd	Year 4 begin ukulele music project (10 weeks)
29 th	PFA meeting at 7pm
30 th	KSSP KS2 Boccia event
February	
3 rd	School nurse drop in session 9-10.30am
w.b. 10 th	Parent Interview week (late night Monday)
11 th	Safer Internet Day
13 th	End of Term 3
13 th	PFA Disco EYS and KS1 5.45 – 7pm PFA Disco KS2 7.15 – 8.30pm
14 th	Training Day – school closed for pupils
24 th	Start of Term 4
26 th	KS2 SATs Information Evening
27 th	KS1 SATs Information Evening
28 th	Bay and Elm cake sale
March	
2 nd	School nurse drop in session 2-3pm
5 th	World Book Day
6 th	KSSP Year 3/4 Gymnastics event
11 th	KSSP year 4/5 Basketball festival
13 th	Sports Relief Day
13 th	KSSP Year 5/6 Gymnastics event
16 th	KS1 Cross Country event @ Rothwell
17 th	KS2 Cross Country event @ Rothwell
18 th –20 th	Book Fair
21 st	Regional 'Music for Youth', KS2 choir
25 th	Class photographs
26 th	KSSP Year 5/6 High 5 netball event
27 th	Cherries and Apples cake sale
April	
1 st	EYFS/KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade
2 nd	Ukelele concert for year 4 parents
3 rd	End of Term 4
20 th	Start of Term 5

Attendance Update

This week's attendance: **96%**

EYFS and KS1	Total for week	KS2	Total for week
Cherries	92.9%	Willows	98.0%
Apples	99.4%	Silver Birches	94.6%
Ash	92.4%	Redwoods	97.4%
Bay	100%	Maples	95.2%
Elm	95.9%	Cedars	98.2%
		Oaks	93.9%

SAM Winner: BAY

MIA Winner: MAPLES