



# Hawthorn Community Primary School



## Weekly Newsletter 10/07/20



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Thank you to all of those parents and carers who have come to school this week to collect their child's report. I am sure that you can appreciate that it would have cost a considerable sum of money to send out the reports through the post – money which we would much rather spend on the education of the children. If you have not yet collected your child's report, these will still be available to collect from school between the hours of 9.30am and 2.30pm next week from Monday to Friday. If you are unable to collect the report during these hours, please contact the school office and we will try to make alternative arrangements.

Included with the report your child should have received a card or letter from their current teacher to say goodbye and send good wishes for the summer, as well as a new one-page welcome sheet from their new teacher. We hope that the children find this information useful.

Thank you to everyone who has returned reading and library books to school – don't forget that these can be dropped off in the quarantine box outside of the main school entrance. As next week is the last week of the academic year, it will be the last week of us providing work for the children to complete at home, either through the Class Dojo or through the work packs which have been available for collection from the school office. I would like to thank you for the support that you have been providing for your children over the time when they have been unable to attend school and I hope that the materials that have been provided by the school have been helpful.

We have been so pleased by the number of people using the Class Dojo pages and we will be continuing to use this system in the new academic year, as a way for us to provide homework tasks and as a means of communication between home and school. Next week we will be setting up the Dojo pages for the new classes from September, and although the teachers will not be posting a daily message to their classes, you will still be able to make contact either with your child's current teacher or their teacher from September, using this system.

### On-line Survey

We are very grateful to everyone who completed the Pathfinder On-line Learning Survey – the responses show that the vast majority of children have some access to tablets or laptops and this will help to shape how we move forward with providing on-line learning opportunities for September, both in terms of how homework is set and completed but also in the event that a second-wave of the virus, or a localized outbreak forces the school (or a particular class or phase bubble) to close.

As a school we are a member of ASK Education, an improvement partnership supporting local schools and they are looking at ways they can provide support to parents. They have requested that parents complete a short survey to provide them with information about how they can better support schools. It will take no longer than 2 minutes to complete. No personal data is collected through this form. Please click the link to access the information: <https://askeducation.org.uk/homepage/pca>

Thank you.

## This week in school

What an AMAZING week we have had in school with the year 6 bubbles. The children have loved continuing to create their witch houses based on the story of Hansel and Gretel. They have been using their DT skills to build the structure and then added sweets and biscuits to make it aesthetically pleasing. As a team, we are AMAZED by how creative the children have been, and it is so lovely to see how pleased they are with their creations. In addition, the children have completed some guided reading sessions based on the story 'A Place called Perfect'. It was fabulous to listen to their theories and queries, building on their knowledge of other stories they have read in recent years. We also completed some tricky questions based on ratio in Maths. Again, it was great to see the children linking all their Maths knowledge to tackle some tricky questions.

As a team, we are also pleased and proud of all the home learning we have received on Class Dojo. The level of the work being produced is superb: Elizabeth I portraits and facts, fact files about music lessons via YouTube tutorials, Draw with Rob pictures and Shakespeare research. In addition, a huge well done to all the children continuing to complete Oak National Academy and White Rose Maths lessons or Maths and English booklets.



This week in our Key Stage 1 and 2 key worker bubbles the children have been exploring the book 'The Window'. This is a wonderful picture book which portrays how an environment can change over time. The children have discussed the positive and negative changes of an increased population, as well identifying the changes they have noticed in their own local environments. In maths, they have been focusing on time and have looked at: half past, o'clock, quarter past and quarter to. Exploring the language of 'to' and 'past' the hour. During art, the children designed their own version of how the garden view may look in a further 10 years and during writing tasks they have focused on using descriptive language to describe the setting for each view of the garden.

EYFS have been continuing with the theme of recycling and looking after the environment this week. They started the week by reading 'Who swallowed Stanley?' which is a story about plastics in our oceans. Lots of great craft activities were generated from this. The children did some junk modelling and made their own sea creatures, they also made fish tank pictures and plastic bag jellyfish. In Maths, they have worked on addition and subtraction and practiced counting on and backwards using number lines. In Literacy the children made posters about keeping our seas and oceans pollution free and they also wrote about the junk models that they had made. It has been another great week.

This week the year 1 children in Elm Bubble have been focussing on fractions in Maths. They have found halves and quarters of shapes and amounts. In English, they have been looking at dragon poems and how words rhyme. The children have designed and created some rain sticks – we think that is why it has been so wet this week – sorry! They loved finding out how and why the rain sticks were used.

A reminder for all, that school closes for the year next Friday (17<sup>th</sup> July).