



Hawthorn Community Primary School

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Phase News!

In EYFS this week, we have been looking at the story of 'Stick Man' and the journey he took to get back to his family tree. We have created story maps to show what happened on his journey practising our writing by identifying initial sounds and writing words and captions. We have written postcards and created our own stick characters using a variety of different sized sticks. In Maths, we have created our own class counting books using lots of different methods to represent the numbers 1 to 10. We have also enjoyed spending time talking together as a group, practising our listening skills and sharing our news from home. Elves and Christmas have been popular topics of discussion with many funny stories involving Elves, Christmas trees, toilet rolls and pants. The children have had fun exploring our new phonics area in the classroom, using the sound cards and playing the part of the teacher. Overall, it has been a very busy week.

In KS1 the children have been hard at work this week. We started looking at a new book – Rocket Shoes – for inspiration. We have been using the different writing lenses to create quality sentences to describe what happens in the story. In Maths, the children have been working on their addition and subtraction. Some of them have been using number lines to help whilst others have been counting back using counters. The Science this week has focused on finding out which material is best suited to make an umbrella. The children have had to create a table to show their results as well as predict what material will be the best. In RE, the children have learnt about the special place of Muslims – the Mosque. They have drawn and labelled a Mosque. They then explained what happens in a Mosque and what can be seen when entering. The Hub has continued with sewing as well as consolidation of Maths skills.

It's been another busy week in Years 3 and 4. The children have started a new text type in English - non-chronological reports. They have looked at existing reports and recapped all of the features. Next week, they will be writing their own reports on Skara Brae - a preserved Neolithic village discovered in 1850. The children have been finding out all about it this week to make sure they have enough information to write their own reports. In maths, the children have been looking at times tables and how to use these for division. They have found how vital it is to practise and use times tables regularly as they can help with so much of our maths! In history, the learning on the Iron Age has continued with children finding out about the Druids and how powerful they were in Iron Age times - but also, that we only know about them from the records of the Romans so that some of the information may be biased. The children have been busy preparing their Christmas poem too.

This week in UKS2 we have been developing our understanding of WW2 by studying some of the planes used by the allied and axis forces. The children have been fascinated by the planes and some of the battles they were involved in. The children have started to plan, design and make their own plane using wire mesh as the frame moving onto using mod roc to cover it. It's certainly proving to be very exciting. In our English Writing lessons, the children are developing their fantasy writing skills using the wonderful story 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' as their stimulus. During our Whole Class Reading sessions

the children have studied the ever-popular book, 'The House With Chicken Legs.' The children continue to work hard in all subject areas.

As the weather has taken a turn for the worse this week we have brought some of our PE lessons inside with the use of Joe Wicks workouts. We will continue to find solutions to ensure the children have as much opportunity as possible to develop their PE skills, taking into account the restrictions we have in place. The majority of our PE lessons will still take place outside so please ensure that all children have warm clothes for their PE lessons.

Mrs Clubley has successfully had her operation and despite being a little uncomfortable, she is recovering well and says hello to all our families in school. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her back in school as soon as she is able. She regularly keeps in contact and can't wait to hear all the news about what the children have been learning in school.



WOW WORKER WALL OF HONOUR



EYFS		KS1		LKS2		UKS2	
Cherries	Zofia	Ash	Peter	Redwoods	Zachary	Cedars	Florence
Apples	Khaylan	Bay	Reuben	S. Birches	Megan	Maples	Kane
		Elm	Corey	Willows	Rylan	Oaks	Isobel

Well done to these children who have been chosen by their teachers as their classes 'Wow Worker of the Week'. They are rewarded for their special efforts or achievement this week and should be bringing a certificate home with them today.

Christmas at Hawthorn

As you know Hawthorn usually has lots of traditions at this time of year which we sadly are unable to do in our usual ways. However, we have worked hard on finding a new way in these tricky times. All classes will be creating a Christmas piece to share with families. This might be a musical item, poetry, story telling or the all important EYFS nativity. It will clearly be on a slightly smaller scale than in previous years, however we hope you all enjoy the items that the classes prepare, look out on Dojo for the videos. We hope to bring all of our traditions back next year with a flourish. The PFA have kindly organised a virtual panto for all classes as we are unable to have our usual theatre visits and we will be watching the performance during the last week of term. Christmas parties will take place on the last day of term, they will be a much smaller affair with no shared food, however there will be all important Christmas music galore and dancing and a few socially distant safe party games. Please remember if your child would like to send any Christmas cards the last day of posting will be December 11th so we have time to quarantine before giving out in the last week of term. Any cards arriving in school after this date will, sadly, not be able to be sent out and will be returned with your child. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.





Rocksteady

Does your child want to learn to play a musical instrument and play in a rock band?

We are proud to announce that we have been in contact with Rocksteady and have found a safe way for them to return to us in the new year. I have attached a flyer with more information. There are some spaces in the bands so if you would like your child to join please do contact them. Children from EYFS to Year 6 are welcome to join. We sadly won't be able to watch the bands live at the moment but look forward to hearing them practise.

Dates for Your Diary:

December	
11 th	Last day to bring in Christmas cards
16 th	Christmas dinner – hot Christmas bap
18 th	END OF TERM 2
January	
4 th	START OF TERM 3
February	
11 th	END OF TERM 3
12 th	Teacher training day
22 nd	START OF TERM 4
March	
26 th	END OF TERM 4
April	
12 th	START OF TERM 5
May	
3 rd	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
w.b. 10 th	KS2 SATs
28 th	END OF TERM 5
June	
7 th	START OF TERM 6
w.b. 7 th	Year 1 Phonics Screen
July	
23 rd	END OF ACADEMIC YEAR

Year 2 phonics

We are very proud of our Year 2 children who have undertaken their phonics screen this week, which had been delayed from its usual slot in June. The children and staff have worked very hard on their phonics to help to close any gaps they had after the first national lockdown. Results of the screen will be released to Year 2 parents shortly.

A polite request

Please can we remind everyone of the pickup and collection times.

8.40am for Year 1 and 2 as well as year 5 and 6

8.55am for year 3 and 4 as well as Apples and Cherries.

Collection time is **3.10pm** for Apples, Cherries, year 1 and year 2, **3.20pm** for year 5 and 6 and **3.25pm** for year 3 and year 4.

We are getting a lot of late children at the moment and due to the bubble times going in, late children often have to wait even longer before being able to get into school which is having a huge impact on learning time.

PFA News

A huge thank you to everyone who has bought tickets to our Christmas Advent Raffle, we have raised an incredible £1,150 for the school! Follow our PFA Facebook page to view the live daily draws and we will be in touch if you are a winner. We think the Purple Hamper on Monday is the one to win!

The week's winners so far are

Red Hamper - Amanda Bewers, **Orange Hamper** - Elena Ciovor, **Yellow Hamper** - Nick Edmunds!

Our school lottery winner last weekend was Jen Holling who very kindly donated her £20.40 winnings back to the school! Thank you Jen! To buy your tickets & support us with our fundraising, go to <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/hawthorn-community-primary-school>

As always, you can contact us with any ideas, questions or to get involved via

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