

HAWTHORN CLASS NEWSLETTER 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Hawthorn Class!

I am very pleased to be welcoming your children into year 5 as we have a very exciting term ahead of us. There are lots of new things to get used to this term but myself and Mrs Taylor will be here to support you all the way.



This term we will be studying:

PE	Hawthorn Class will be swimming on a Wednesday morning and on a Friday we will be doing indoor athletics.
Maths	Place value and using the four operations.
English	Our class novel is street child by Bernie Doherty. We will be writing: Character descriptions Biographies and character profiles.
Topic	In History we will be looking at the Victorians including: Florence Nightingale, Victorian Donington and Victorian school life. We will also be looking at Lincolnshire in our geography lessons and learning to use maps.
PSHE	Relationships, Discrimination and Respect.
Science	Animals including humans and plants.
RE	Christianity and how Christians celebrate and worship.
French	All about themselves and around town.
Art	Victorian Art including Charles Mackintosh and drawing from real life. Designing stained glass windows Graffiti Art

PE

This term the children will have the opportunity to start swimming week commencing 13th September. There will be an additional letter with more information which will need to be signed and returned for your child to take part. Swimming will take place every Wednesday morning. Children will need to come to school in PE kit and bring a



bag containing a swimming costume or swim shorts, towel and goggles if they have them.

Our other PE day will be Friday. Please can children come to school in PE kit as we will have athletics every Friday morning: week commencing 13th September.

Homework

Homework will all be set online this year on Purple Mash. All children will have their log ins stuck in their reading diaries. Here is the link:

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/donington> . First homework will be sent out on Friday 17th September. Thursdays will be the last day to submit homework online. Can children please reply to my most recent blog post over the weekend so I can check who can access Purple Mash.

Reading

We aim that each child becomes a confident and enthusiastic reader and develops a life-long love of reading. The more that children read, the better readers they become! Please encourage your child to read as much as possible as well as reading to them. Please use your child's reading diary to sign when you have heard your child read or discussed their book with them.

The children will have access to myOn where they can find a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books. <https://www.myon.co.uk/> Once your child has finished their book they can complete a quiz about it at school, using Accelerated Reader. Books can be changed at any day during the week.



<https://ukhosted31.renlearn.co.uk/3216856/Public/RPM/Login/Login.aspx?srcID=s>

Class Email

I can be contacted about homework and non-urgent queries via the class email. Hawthorn.class@cowley.lincs.sch.uk I will try to reply within 24/48 hours but if it is an urgent issue please telephone the school office.

If your child requires any medication please contact the school office as soon as possible so that we can be well informed of your child's individual needs. Please ensure all children bring a water bottle to school. It's especially important in this current heat wave!

I am happy to discuss any matters concerning your child with you. Please telephone or email the school office to leave a message and I will get back to you or contact me via the school email.

I look forward to starting a new exciting year.

Many thanks,

Miss Gilhespy (Class Teacher)

Mrs Taylor (Teaching Assistant)