

# Hawthorn Newsletter Autumn 2

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic October break. We are very excited to start the Christmas term and all are working hard whilst having lots of fun. If you have any concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Hawthorn team. We are happy to help. The best help you can give is to make sure your child attends every day on time. Attending every day enables them to build upon their learning and helps their understanding. Every school day is planned to help your child to achieve, so excellent attendance is vital. Please also ensure that your child has a healthy breakfast e.g. cereal, with lots of early nights, to ensure they can concentrate fully and give their best.

## LITERACY

This term we will be reading the books *The Way Home for Wolf* and *The Polar Express*. We will use these books to help us to write both fiction and non-fiction pieces, including a non-chronological report and instructions to make a delicious hot chocolate!. As well as this, we will be building confidence by reading our work to others and performing poems, using a range of actions, chosen by the children.

**Key vocabulary:**

adjectives	question marks	
punctuation	exclamation mark	
capital letters	finger spaces	instructions
non-chronological reports		

## Mathematics

This term, we will be learning how to add and subtract numbers to 100, as well as learning about money.

**Homework** for Maths will be set using *Mathletics* on a weekly basis (Mondays). If your child requires computer access in school time, or you would prefer paper copies, please let us know.

Times tables (2s, 5s, 10s and 3s) will also be a key focus throughout the year and you can help your child by practising these with them too.

**Key vocabulary:**

tens	ones	digit	coin	note
add	plus	subtract	minus	



## Phonics

Phonics will take place twice a day. In the morning, we will practise our sounds, making sure we can read them speedily. We will also practise blending sounds together, to read words, and segmenting sounds to spell words.

In the afternoons, we will have a storybook session. Each group will have one storybook session a week and will bring their storybook home for the week after their session. Please keep reading books in your child's book bag, so they can be changed on the right day.

## SCIENCE

In science, our topic this term will continue to be 'Animals including humans'. We will learn about the survival needs of humans and other animals, pets and the lifecycles of chickens and frogs.

**Key vocabulary:**

Carnivore	herbivore	omnivore	
life cycle	human	predator	prey





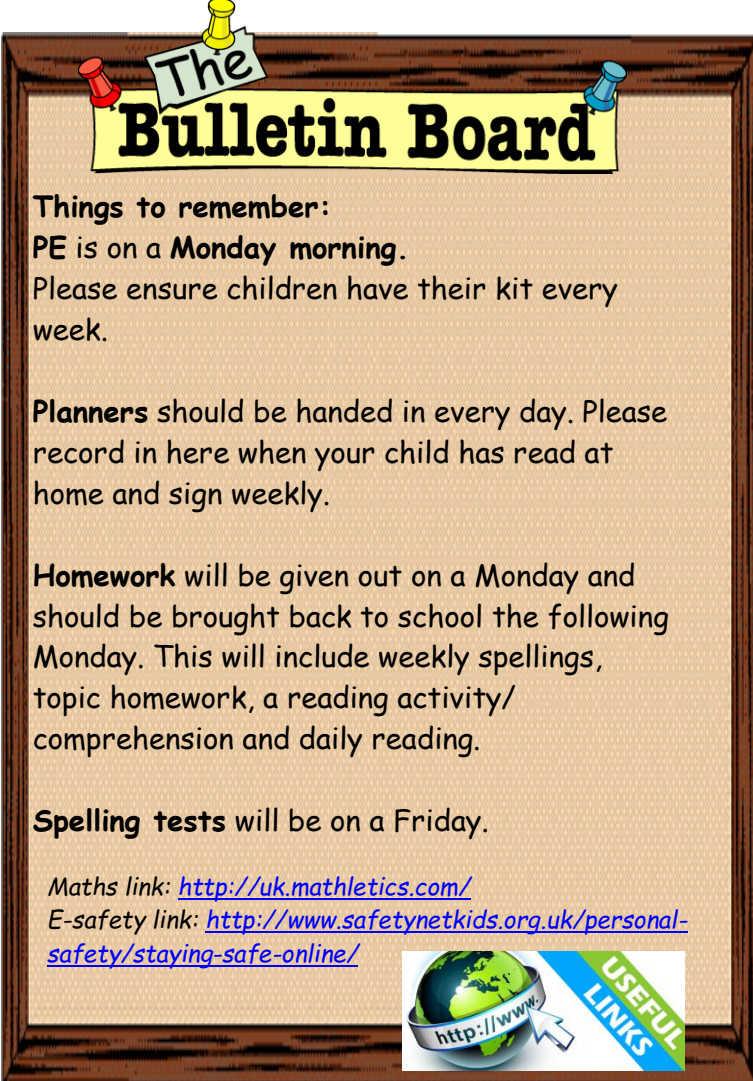
# Other Curriculum Areas

**Geography** - this term we will be learning about hot and cold places. We will explore the seven continents and five oceans before moving on to learn about the polar regions and the equator.

**PE** - This term, we will be focusing on gymnastics. We will focus on our balance whilst performing a range of moves.

**PSHE** - This term, we will be learning about relationships. We will think about making friends, managing secrets, recognising hurtful behaviour, as well as working co-operatively and sharing opinions.

**Computing** - This term, we will be using computers to begin to learn some coding skills. We will be creating a space scene.




**Things to remember:**  
**PE** is on a **Monday morning**.  
 Please ensure children have their kit every week.

**Planners** should be handed in every day. Please record in here when your child has read at home and sign weekly.

**Homework** will be given out on a Monday and should be brought back to school the following Monday. This will include weekly spellings, topic homework, a reading activity/ comprehension and daily reading.

**Spelling tests** will be on a Friday.

Maths link: <http://uk.mathletics.com/>  
 E-safety link: <http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>




W/C 2/11/20 - Speak Out, Stay Safe Week  
 9/11/20 - Parents' Evening 3 (3.30-6pm)  
 11/11/20 - Remembrance Day Assembly  
 13/11/20 - Children in Need Non-Uniform Day - £1 per family  
 17/11/20 - Individual School Photos  
 W/C 16/11/20 - Anti-Bullying Week  
 W/C 16/11/20 - Learning about Road Safety in PSHE  
 20/11/20 - Odd Socks Day to raise awareness of Anti-Bullying  
 W/C 23/11/20 - Allergy Awareness Week  
 W/C 30/11/20 - Advent and Christingle  
 W/C 7/12/20 - Human Rights Week  
 W/C 14/12/20 - Getting ready to keep ourselves safe over the holidays (NSPCC Pants Assembly/ Internet Legends Code)  
 18/12/20 - Christmas Jumper Day

**Uniform** - Thank you for ensuring your child has the correct school uniform - they look very smart. Thank you also for your support in ensuring that make up, jewellery, fake tan and nail varnish is not worn for school. Small ear studs are permitted. As a reminder, dyed hair and tramline hairstyles are not permitted.

**Reading** - Hawthorn class pupils should be reading for at least 15 minutes every day. When reading with your child, encourage them to sound out tricky words using their phonics and discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary. Stop them regularly, to check their understanding, as this will support them with their learning. Some questions you could ask: what are the characters thinking/feeling? How do you know? Books will be changed once a week. Children will bring home a 'storybook' and a 'book bag book' that matches their phonic knowledge.