

# Hawthorn Newsletter Spring 1, 2021

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break. We are very excited to start the Spring and work hard whilst having lots of fun. It is such a shame that we will not see many of you in school, but we have already started with our home learning. We cannot wait to receive your work and support you from your very own homes!

Just a little reminder that our class email is: [hawthorn@akroydon.trinitymat.org](mailto:hawthorn@akroydon.trinitymat.org)

## LITERACY

This term we will be reading the books *Mulan* and *Ye-Shen*. We will be creating our own traditional tale about a warrior, as well as writing a discussion text and diary entry. This term, we will be using the Talk for Writing approach, in which your child will be learning texts by heart. It would be great if you could encourage them to retell you the stories at home.

### Key vocabulary:

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

## Mathematics

This term we will be learning about multiplication and division. We will continue to practise our timetables to help us with this. Please encourage your child to access TT Rockstars at home. We will also begin to look at properties of shapes as well as fractions.

### Key vocabulary:

Addition subtraction multiplication division  
array equal sharing 2D 3D faces vertices  
edges



## 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. E-books will be downloaded in Teams.

## SCIENCE

In science, our topic this term is 'materials monsters'. We will be exploring a range of materials as well as their properties. We will conduct a series of tests to access the suitability of materials for different uses.

### Key vocabulary:

Material suitability waterproof  
flexible transparent opaque rigid.





# Other Curriculum Areas

**Geography** - This term we will be learning about China. We will compare aspects of life in China to life in England. We will revisit the continents and oceans, and explore the human and physical features found in China.

**PE** - This term, we will be focusing on dance.

**PSHE** - This term, we will be learning about living in the wider world. We will learn about belonging to a community, media literacy, money and work.

**Computing** - This term, we will be using computers to research and present information about a topic.



**The Bulletin Board**

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

**Everyday:**  
 Reading books - e-books within Teams  
 Practice your times tables on TT  
 Rockstars  
 Spellings are tested on Fridays  
 Go for a walk or some physical activity.

**For those of your working from home:**  
 You can access the work via the link below  
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software>

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




**IMPORTANT DATES**

5.1.2021 - World Braille Day  
 17.1.2021 World Religion Day  
 18.1.2021 - Martin Luther King Day  
 25.1.2021 - Burns' Night  
 1.2.2021 - Storytelling Week  
 1.2.2021 - Children's Mental Health Week  
 8.1.21 - Individual Learning Plan Meetings  
 9.2.2021 - Safer Internet Day  
 12.02.21 - School closes  
 22.02.21 - School reopens

**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? An e-book will be added onto the weekly timetable within Teams.