

Year 2 Newsletter Autumn 2

Welcome back from the half term holiday. We are looking forward to continuing our journey through Year 2 with lots of fun and learning along the way. If you have any concerns at all please do not hesitate to contact a member of the 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 half term we will be reading the book 'Greta and the Giants' and focusing on the features of a story that raises a dilemma. We will then write our own stories that raise an environmental issue.

After this, we will be looking at non-chronological reports and use what we have learned about climate change to write our own.

Key vocabulary:

capital letter full stop finger spaces
conjunctions exclamation marks adjectives
reports facts

Mathematics

This half term, we will start by reviewing our number bonds and number facts to 10 and extending this to 20 and 100. We will then begin to learn to add and subtract numbers to 100, using the column method. We will begin by adding ones, then move onto adding tens and exchanging. We will continue to practise our 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.

Key vocabulary:

Number bonds facts addition
Subtraction minus equals



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. Books will be changed each Friday and kept until the following week. Please ensure your child is reading regularly at home. Please sign your child's planner each time you have listened to them read so we can add it onto their 100 square chart. Each time your child has read 10 times, they will receive 5 achievement points.

We have also started a guided reading group, which will run alongside the phonics groups and will focus on reading to a greater depth and answering comprehension questions.

SCIENCE

In science we will be learning about materials, their properties and their suitability for different uses. We will be finding out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. This will involve identifying and classifying materials and performing simple tests.

Key vocabulary:

Materials	properties
identify	classify
solid	suitable unsuitable





Other Curriculum Areas

Geography - This term we will be finding out more about where we live and its place in the United Kingdom. We will compare Halifax to places on the coast and then move onto other types of location around the world including rainforests and deserts.

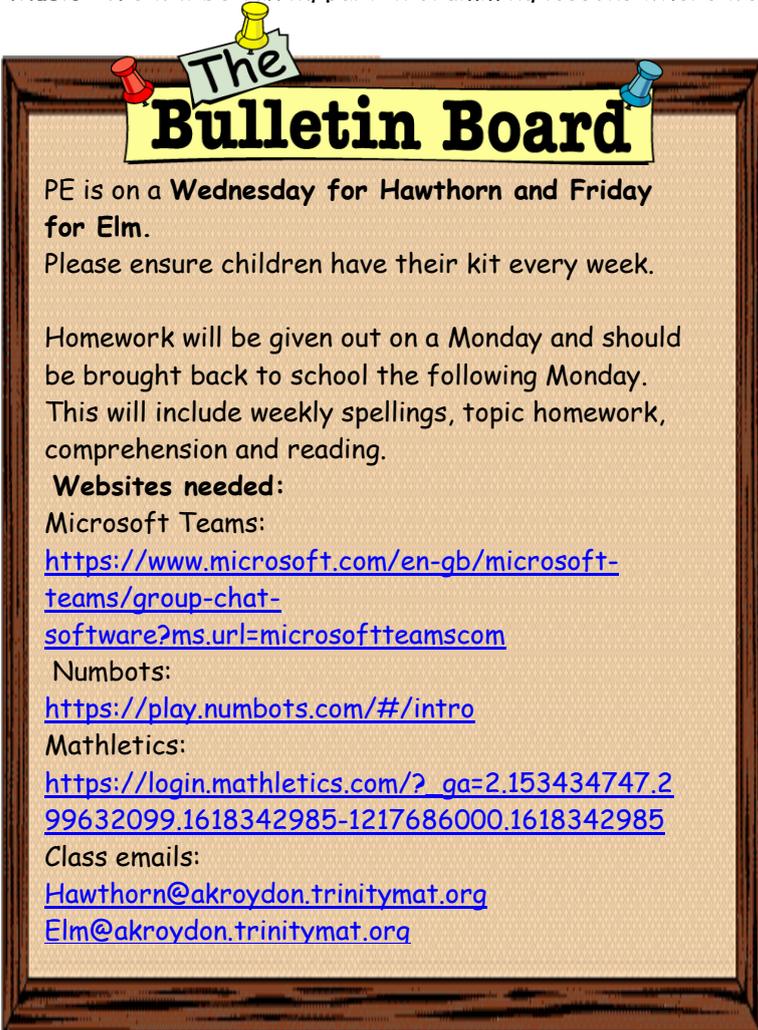
PE - We will be focusing on gymnastics. This will involve looking at different ways to travel and make shapes with our bodies.

RE - The focus this term is good choices. As part of this we will explore how Christianity and Islam communicate ways in which to live a good life.

Computing - We will learn about digital photography and how images can be best captured by a range of devices.

Art - In Art, we will be looking at how artists use the seasons and weather to influence their work. Then we will create our own artwork using the techniques we have explored.

Music - We will be taking part in drumming lessons where we will learn to repeat and then compose our own rhythms.

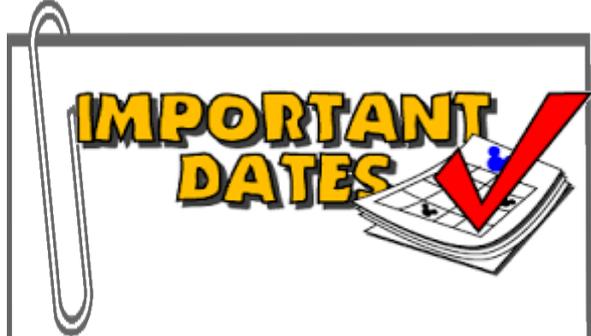


The Bulletin Board

PE is on a **Wednesday** for Hawthorn and **Friday** for Elm.
Please ensure children have their kit every week.

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, comprehension and reading.

Websites needed:
Microsoft Teams:
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software?ms.url=microsoftteamscom>
Numbots:
<https://play.numbots.com/#/intro>
Mathletics:
https://login.mathletics.com/?_ga=2.153434747.299632099.1618342985-1217686000.1618342985
Class emails:
Hawthorn@akroydon.trinitymat.org
Elm@akroydon.trinitymat.org



IMPORTANT DATES

11th November - Remembrance Day

14th-18th November - Anti-Bullying Week

21st & 22nd November - Parents Evening

15th December - Christmas performance (2.15pm)

16th December - School closes for Christmas.

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 - Year 2 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 'book bag book' that matches their phonic knowledge. They will also be bringing a library book but this book needs to be read to them by an adult.