

# SPRING 1 TERM HAWTHORN



## WELCOME BACK

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you have had a lovely break and now look forward to a flying start into 2026! We have an exciting term ahead with a new topic on Crime and Punishment. We look forward to a visit from the SATRO team, who will be leading a workshop around our Science theme of Evolution.

## MATHS

During Maths in Spring 1 we will continue to focus on fluency with daily practice of the four operations. We will also be working on finding percentages of whole numbers, looking at how to approach word problems, and exploring measurements and ratio.

Quick recall of times tables remains a key target for many of the children in Year 6. We would be very grateful if you could continue to work on these with your child and remind them to use Times Tables Rock Stars more frequently.

## READING

We will continue with our class novel, 'Holes' by Louis Sachar, in January. It is a fitting story alongside our Crime and Punishment topic following the story of Stanley Yelnats - who is accused and punished for 'stealing' a pair of trainers.

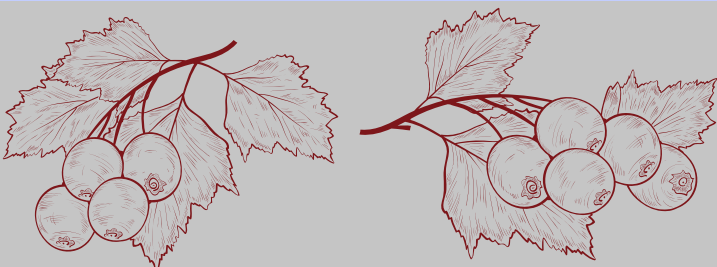
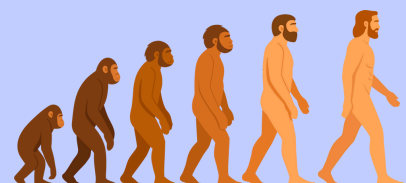


## WRITING

Our Talk for Writing returns to a narrative focus this half term, where we will look at the character toolkit, whilst refining our skills at using dialogue to further develop the character in a story as well as helping to move our stories on.

## SCIENCE

In science we will be exploring the topic of Evolution. We will be investigating how living things change over time through natural selection and adaptation.



## History

In History we will be looking at how crime and punishment has changed over the past 1000 years. We will look at stories about criminals and how fairly they were dealt with.



## RE

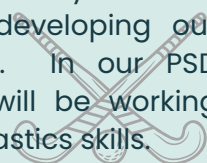
In RE we will be thinking about what helps Muslims to live a good life. We will explore the key beliefs and practices of Islam through investigating the five 'pillars'.

## FRENCH

In our topic about staying healthy this term, Year 6 will learn how to talk about what they eat/drink to stay healthy. They will also learn the language for a variety of physical activities and will be presented with a healthy recipe. There will be a focus on developing extended sentences around this topic.

## PE

During our Monday sessions, we will be developing our hockey skills. In our PSD lessons we will be working on our gymnastics skills.



## DT

In DT this term we will be looking at structures. We will plan, design and build a prototype for a playground shelter.



## PSHE

PSHE in Spring 1 looks at the topic of Dreams and Goals.. Year 6 will understand why it is important to stretch the boundaries of their current learning and set success criteria to help them achieve those goals.



## ONLINE SAFETY

As your children grow older we know of the pressure on them (and you!) for them to be online using social media. We are aware that children in Year 6 are using social media to communicate, and we regularly see first-hand the damage that is happening when they use apps such as WhatsApp. Such apps are not equipped with the safety features that would make them appropriate for primary aged children. For your information I have included the age restrictions for many of the common apps that children access and use, against their terms and conditions of use.

### Social Media Age Restrictions

Under 13 (with parental consent)	13 +	16+	18+	18 (13 with parental permission)
GoBubble PopJam GROM SOCIAL	Facebook Instagram Tumblr Twitter skype iTunes Pinterest MyLOL Wink Snapchat TikTok reddit ASKfm	WhatsApp Telegram  17+	Meow Chat Meet Me Tinder	flickr YouTube Spotify

For more information:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-sa>

## HOMEWORK

Each week we set new spelling with a specific pattern for the children to practice at home and with further practice on spelling shed.

All other homework is currently set on a Friday online. Please support your child to complete their home learning tasks on Spag.com and Maths.co.uk to and to practise spellings and TTRS 3-4 times a week for 20 minutes.

Thank you.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Jan 5<sup>th</sup> Inset day.

Jan 6<sup>th</sup> First day of term.

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Open classroom.

Feb 9<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> Children mental health week.

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Half term.

**OUR VALUE THIS TERM IS:**  
**PERSEVERANCE**

