



# Class Hawthorn Newsletter

'We can and will succeed'

**Staff in Class:** Mrs Khan and Miss Momoniati

**Message from the staff:** Welcome to all the parents/carers to class Hawthorn. We are so happy to be your child's new teacher and support staff and we hope to see them progress and achieve their goals this year. As always, our door is always open to you so please do see us if you have any questions, concerns or queries. We hope to have a fun-filled year with lots of amazing learning planned. Do keep asking your child what they have learnt in school as we are sure they will have plenty to share.

## Class Topic:

In Geography and DT, we will be learning about seasonal foods. We will learn when different fruits and vegetables grow in the UK. We will be looking at the importance of a healthy varied diet and how we can create healthy seasonal meals in DT. We will also be exploring how food travels around the world in Geography.



## Science:

In Science, our topic is 'Living things and their habitats'. We will be learning about the life cycles of plants, mammals, insects, reptiles, amphibians and birds. We will also be investigating the life and work of important scientific figures like Jane Goodall and David Attenborough.

## Maths:

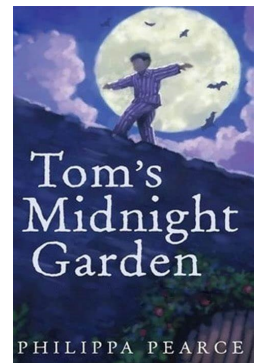
In year 6, we will start by looking at place value. We will be looking at recognising numbers to 10 million, rounding numbers and exploring negative numbers. We will then move on to the four operation: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In year 5, we will also start by looking at place value. We will be looking at numbers to 1 million, rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000 and placing numbers on a number line. We will then move on to addition and subtraction.

## English:

In English, we will be reading 'Tom's Midnight Garden' by Philippa Pearce. Children will participate in book talks and role plays to understand the characters in the book. We will be writing informal letters, creating our own 3D gardens, writing script for documentaries and writing diary entries.

## VIPERS:

In Reading Vipers, we will be improving our vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation and summarising skills.



## PE:

In PE, we will be looking at throwing and catching skills, including developing our chest pass. We will be playing games such as dodgeball, rugby and slam ball to help develop these skills. Year 6 will be starting their swimming sessions on Tuesday mornings.



## PSHCE:

In PSHCE, our topic is 'Being Me in my World'. This term we will be looking at our fears and worries for the future, the universal rights children have and how the choices we make can lead to rewards or consequences.

## MFL:

In French, our topic will be 'Welcome to our School'. We will be learning phrases for feelings, describing ourselves, counting to 60 and answering questions about our daily routine.



## How parents can help at home:

Reading really accelerates children's writing so please read at home. Keep supporting your children with Seesaw to access school letters and to help with homework which is set each Friday. Children are encouraged to practise their weekly spellings and times tables (Times Tables Rock stars).

## Days/Dates to remember:

- PE is on Tuesday (Year 5s only) and Thursday. If anyone has their ears pierced these need to be removed for PE or will need tape over the earring. The children are expected to remove or tape their own ears.
- Year 6s will be going swimming on Tuesday. They will need to bring their swimming costumes, towels and swimming caps on these days.
- Spellings are set on Fridays. Spelling tests will be on Fridays the following week.
- Homework will be given out on Fridays and are due in the following Thursday.