

Hawthorn's Newsletter January 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year. We hope that you have had a lovely holiday and are ready for another term of fun learning.

In English we will be continuing to read fiction, non-fiction and poetry books linked to our topic and using skills learnt from these texts in our own writing. We will be reinforcing letter formation and then moving on to learning pre-cursive handwriting. If you are unsure how to help your child with the correct formation of letters, you can access Little Wandle Letters and Sounds parent section where this formation information is detailed. Pre-cursive handwriting just adds the lead in starting from the line - please contact us if you need details.



It is really important that you continue to read with your child, at least four times a week and record it in their little red reading diary to earn certificates. This only needs to be for 5/10 minutes at a time but regular reading helps to read words automatically and sentences fluently which is essential for children to enjoy reading. As part of our home learning provision, we would like you to discuss what they have read, to help develop comprehension and skills such as inference and prediction. Being read to and sharing books together also helps to develop a love of reading so please try to find the time to share books with your child.

In Maths we are going to be consolidating the children's understanding of place value within 20, addition and subtraction within 20 and then later in the term extending to within 50. We will also be learning about measurements including length, height, weight and volume. Remember you are also able to use Numbots website too, to practise your maths skills at home through various games and activities. If you are not sure of your password please contact us via the emails written below.

In Science we are going to be learning about Everyday Materials in the first half term, then the seasons Spring/Summer and plants in the second half term. We are hoping to be visiting Rosemoor in March/April, to take part in a growing workshop which has always been an exciting trip to consolidate learning completed in class. A letter will be sent out about this trip in the coming weeks.

In History we will be learning about changes within living memory focusing on toys, thinking about the similarities and differences in toys over the past 100 years. We are hoping to invite a couple of visitors into class to learn about toys in the past and present.

In Geography we will be learning about 'What is the weather like in the UK?'. We learn the four countries that make up the United Kingdom with the surrounding seas and compare the weather is from different countries.

This term in PE we will be continuing to follow Getset4pe scheme, learning gymnastic and dance skills. Please can you ensure that your child has named trainers or plimsolls in school **everyday**. We will be changing for longer PE sessions, so they will need to have a white t-shirt and black or blue shorts. Please can we remind you to make sure all clothing, drinks bottles, lunch boxes etc are clearly named/renamed. We are hoping to use the woodland area for some of our learning so it

would be really useful if you have a spare pair of wellies if you could send them in with your child to stay in school.



If you are unsure about any of the work set, or would like some extra support, please feel free to contact us via year1@hatherleigh-pri.devon.sch.uk and we will try and reply ASAP.

Thank you for your continuous support with your child's learning journey.

We look forward to sharing their learning with you on **Thursday 2nd April at 2.45pm** in our class assembly.

Mrs Jacob and Miss Chauhan