



Hawthorn Class - Curriculum Overview

Autumn (11) - 2021

English

- Our English learning will be made up of a combination of grammar, spelling, reading, handwriting and composition work.
- Our Talk4Writing focus is description of character in narrative form.
- Our focus book for this term is 'Beowulf' written by Michael Morpurgo and illustrated by Michael Foreman
- We will also explore 'Anglo-Saxon Boy' in our daily Guided Reading lessons - A beautifully written text, perfect to support our work on adding depth and details to descriptions of characters and settings.

Physical Education

Physical education will help us examine and practice core skills around movement and control with an opportunity to put theory into practice each week with a competitive game/match.

MFL (Spanish)

This half-term we will be introducing the children to the concepts of time and date in Spanish. We will learn all 12 months of the year and be able to ask each other, and respond to the question "when is your birthday?"

Science, History, Art, and Computing

- In our science lessons this half-term our focus is on answering the big question 'What materials would make the best Anglo-Saxon house?' - To answer this, we'll be learning how variables influence our experiments as we discover the properties of various materials.
- In History we will be asking "What's in a name?" - What can a name tell us about our own history and what can we learn from the similarities between today and Anglo-Saxon times.
- Art - 'What Viking symbology still survives today?' - Hawthorn will examine the Viking culture and its impact on modern Britain through the creation of a 3D printed Viking brooch.
- Computing - We will continue to examine the key aspects of computer programming as we examine the fundamental building blocks of computer science and coding; flow control, logic and loops.

Mathematics

- Our mornings will always begin with a two-minute mathematics challenge focused on the recall of times-table facts, and this is a continued area of focus as the children improve the confidence and flexibility with number.
- We will start this half-term picking up any areas of need identified in the Autumn PiXL assessments; square numbers, measuring and drawing angles and chunked division.
- We will then begin examining the core skills of multiplication and division using different methods and inverse operations to confirm our answers.
- We'll finish up the lead up to Christmas with an exploration of area, shape and measurement with an investigation that examines the relationships between area and perimeter.

Music

During our music lessons this half-term we will be focusing on critical listening skills. Our lessons will involve learning to listen to, analyse and perform two-part harmony.

PSHE and RE

In RE Hawthorn will be evaluating the key characters and messages we find within the traditional Christmas Story and exploring the reasons why different people, cultures and religions might interpret the story in different ways.

In PSHE we will be understanding and managing feelings and the impact they can have on ourselves, others and our wider community.