Hawthorn and Poplar Curriculum Newsletter, Spring 2 2022

English

In English we will continue to focus on basic sentence structure whilst recapping a focus phonics sound. Our texts in English will support our topic. We will read and explore We All Have Bellybuttons and Funnybones. This will support our learning in science where we will look the different parts of our body and the five senses.

Marvellous Me

Ourselves is our topic for this half term. Our focus will be on the human body, naming the different parts and the five senses. We will be exploring our senses through scientific experiments and observations.



Art/Music/RE/PSHE/Computing

As artists we will be creating self-portraits and skeleton drawings. We will be taking inspiration from work by Picasso and Modigliani. In music we will be going 'Round and Round' to a Bossa Nova Latin style piece of music. In RE we will be learning about salvation and answer the question Why does Easter matters to Christians? In PSHE we will explore 'Healthy Me'. In computing we will be grouping data.

Science

We will look at the changes that occur as we move from winter into spring as well as our 'Marvellous Me' topic focus. We will use the Non-fiction book, See Inside Your Body, to support our learning.

Diary Dates

Back to school — Monday 28th February 2022 World Book Day — Thursday 3rd March 2022 Parents consultation meetings — W/C 28/02/2022 & 07/02/2022

Last day of term – Thursday 8th April 2022 Back to school – Monday 25th April 2022

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Welcome back! We hope that you have all had a good rest over the half term holidays. We are very excited about the new half term and learning about ourselves. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school.

Faith Week

Our first week back will be faith week. This year's focus is 'love'. We will spend the week looking at how love is taught in different faiths as well as using a variety of fiction books with different messages about love.

PE

The children will be learning about keeping their bodies healthy, why we need to warm up when we exercise and continuing to develop their skills.

Hawthorn:

Class PE — Wednesday Mr Croucher — Thursday

Poplar:

Class PE - Tuesday Mr Croucher — Thursday

Please make sure your child is wearing appropriate clothing. Children should wear school uniform everyday unless on a PE day where they should wear their school PE kit.

Maths

In maths we will continue to build on our learning of number and place value using number to 50. We will be learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. We will also be exploring measurements including length, height, weight, mass, capacity and volume.

Reading

Your child will bring home a phonically decodable book or sheet related to their phonics lessons. Your child will have practised reading this in their phonics lessons and need to continue practising at home to build on their expression and fluency. They will also receive a 'book bag book' that will link to the phonic book but they will not have practised this. In addition, we will continue to give your child a shared reading book for you to enjoy with your child.

Some words are not phonetically decodable. These are called **common exception words** and are necessary for fluent reading and writing. They are listed as RED words in the Read, Write, Inc books. Please practise these as well.

Please continue to write in your child's reading record once you have heard them read or have completed the sharing book. Please ensure your child brings in their book bag every day.

Spellings

Your child now has access to Spelling Shed — a great online resource. Their individual login is glued into their reading records. This is not compulsory homework, however is a way to support and reinforce their learning in school. This is a great way to practise the spellings of common exception words, days of the week and numbers to 20; especially for those who are already confident in reading these.

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