

# Hawthorn Class Welcome Newsletter

Hello, we are so excited to welcome you to Hawthorn class. Year 4 is a year full of exciting opportunities, engaging history lessons and a whole range of art, DT, science and PE lessons!

If at any point you need to speak to one of us, please use Class Dojo, email the school office, or try and catch us on the gate after school. Please be aware that teachers are only available during working hours and will rarely reply out of these on dojo.

Miss Blackbourn, Mrs Tidy, Miss Cato and Miss Payne



## Uniform:

Children are expected to wear uniform everyday. Children can wear **black** trainers, **black** leggings/joggers if they wish allowing them to be more active during play and lunch times. Smart grey trousers and skirts/pinafores are still part of the uniform too. Plain white polo shirts and school jumpers/cardigans should still be worn.

On PE days, the children should come in in their kits and wear them all day. **NO** earrings are to be worn during PE, they are not allowed to be taped, please ensure your child can take them out themselves or that they do not wear them at all.

Please could the children have wellies and a rain jacket in school so that we can go on the field and into the forest, even on those wet days.

## This term we are:

In Geography we are going to be exploring Our Region and Campania, which is in Italy. We will look at the key human and geographical features and make comparisons about these! We will even look at significant earthquakes and volcanoes in those places!

In English, we will be using the book 'Leaf' to guide our writing skills. It is a beautiful picture book based on a polar bear in a foreign land. We will focus particularly on verb inflections and writing outsider narratives.

In Maths we will begin the term by looking at Place Value and we will then move on to Addition and Subtraction.

In RE our big question will be '*What do Christians learn from the creation story?*'.

In Science we will be investigating States of Matter. This unit will involve a lot of experiments, including one called 'The Hotdog Solution'!



## Notices:

- **Homework expectations** – reading (minimum 3 times a week and signed into contact books), times-tables (at least 15 minutes over the week on TTRS or signed into contact books) and spellings which will be tested on a Friday morning.

I will track the children on their homework to ensure it is completed. Incomplete homework could result in missed playtime.

- **PE days** – Monday and Friday – please come in with kit on – no earrings or jewellery
- **Contact books** – in school every day please

*Reminder – do not forget to check Class Dojo and Instagram to see what we have been up to! ☺*