

Welcome to Hawthorn Class!

Welcome to Hawthorn Class! My name is Miss Blackbourn and I have been a teacher at Newington for around 10 years. I have a profound love of all things Disney and spend most weekends visiting a beach or park with my daughter. I am also a bit of a bookworm! I am so excited to work with your families and children, so we can give them a year of curiosity, enjoyment and learning!

I will communicate mainly throughout the year via Class Dojo. I try to update this platform as much as possible with photos of our work, activities and with key events, messages and dates. I welcome interaction through Dojo such as sending photos of the things you do as a family (holidays, days out, drawings, exciting news etc).

Term 1 Curriculum

In term 1, our new class texts will be *The Whale* and *The Corinthian Girl*. We will be using these books to form a basis for our **English** learning beginning with the fundamentals of handwriting, sentence structure and organisation of writing.

In **maths** we will be exploring place value. Within this, we will develop previous learning and begin to explore larger numbers and their value.

In **science** we will be exploring States of Matter and completing a range of experiments based on this.

PE will take a focus on Basic Skills such as throwing, catching, balancing etc. We are also super lucky to have Gillingham Football Club leading one session a week too.

In **RE** we will be exploring 'What do Christians learn from the creation story?'

In **history** we will be exploring our first topic which is Ancient Egypt. I have already booked our first trip which will be to Maidstone Museum – more info will follow.

Important Information

PE will be on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Children will need to be in full, weather appropriate kit on these days. Earrings will need to be removed or taped by the children. I am unable to assist with this.

Mondays are my non-working day. During this day, I will plan and prepare lessons which will be delivered by a cover member of staff. Term 1 will be covered by Miss Hendry.

Homework – All children are expected to read at least three times a week and have this signed for in their contact books. Children who complete this will be given an extra play. Reading is crucial to learning development across the whole curriculum and reading at home is a great way to support with this.