

Hawthorn Class Celebration Newsletter

Value Award Winners:

Everybody has tried so hard this term! I wish I could give value awards to everybody.

However congratulations to these children who have been awarded them this term:

Whole Class - returning from home learning

Harley

Ivana

Reminders:

PE Days - Mondays and Thursdays

Don't forget to check Class Dojo and Twitter to see all the amazing things we have been up to!

Please continue to learn spellings and times tables at home - tests are on a Friday.

We loved Science this Term. We learnt about the digestive system and completed it practically - we made poo! We also learnt about teeth and made models using marshmallows.



This term we have been:

In Literacy we were reading *Varjak Paw* by S.F.Said, which we will be continuing to read in term five. Throughout the term we have been using *Varjak Paw*'s rich descriptive language to inspire our descriptive writing and work on including year four SPAG focuses in our writing. These include expanded-noun phrases, rule of three, similes, metaphors and fronted adverbials.

In Maths we spent the term focussing on Fractions and Decimals. We learnt how to add and subtract fractions, find equivalent fractions and how to find fractions of amounts. We thought about problem solving opportunities and extended our understanding. We also moved onto Decimals where we learnt about tenths, hundredths and dividing digits by 10. We now know why a decimal point is used.

In Topic our focus was Geography in which we looked at settlements. Throughout the topic we looked at what a settlement is, why specific locations are chosen for settlements, how land is used in settlements and transport links. We worked on improving our map skills and using keys.

Next term we are:

In Topic our focus will be Geography and we will be thinking about our local area and learning about grid references, symbols and keys.

Key vocabulary to learn:

Grid references, symbols, keys, landmarks, landscapes

In Literacy we will be continuing to read *Varjak Paw*. We will then be moving onto some non-fiction and thinking about non-chronological reports. At the end of the term we will be looking at some poetry and writing our own.

In Maths we will begin the term by finishing off our Topic of Decimals. We will then move onto 3 new topics - Statistics, Money and Time. It will be a busy term for Maths learning!