

What's on this term...

Hawthorn Class



Writing & Reading: for writing, we've been exploring '*Until I Met Dudley*' as inspiration for our explanation texts. We've focused on understanding this genre while using our imaginations to create inventive explanations of how everyday objects might work in a fantastical world. The children have loved coming up with creative ideas- such as miniature people or helpful insects working behind the scenes to keep household items running smoothly. Their enthusiasm and originality have shone through in their writing, as they've applied technical vocabulary, clear structure, and a sense of wonder to produce thoughtful and entertaining explanation pieces.

In our class reading sessions, we're enjoying '*The Iron Man*' by Ted Hughes. Through this exciting and imaginative story, we've developed our reading comprehension skills, focusing on predicting, summarising, and exploring character emotions and motivations. We particularly enjoyed discussing the Iron Man's mysterious arrival and his friendship with Hogarth, as well as the powerful themes of bravery, understanding, and forgiveness. We've also looked closely at Hughes' descriptive language and imagery, using it to inspire our own vocabulary choices and writing. Overall, the class has shown great enthusiasm and growing confidence in sharing their ideas during discussions.

Maths: we're currently exploring the concept of place value, working with numbers up to one million. This unit allows pupils to develop a secure understanding of the value of each digit within larger numbers and how these values relate to one another. Alongside this, we have begun to build important skills such as rounding numbers to varying degrees of accuracy, recognising and applying the powers of 10, and comparing and ordering values.

Project Based Learning: we are exploring Europe and examining a variety of geographical locations. We are learning to identify both physical and human features of different areas as well as beginning to plan a trip around Europe making note of the places that we would like to travel to and the things we would like to see on the way.

PSHE: Our topic this term is Self-Identity and awareness. We have learnt about growth and fixed mindsets, identifying positive things about ourselves as well as setting ourselves appropriate and achievable goals. Through activities that encourage learning skills and teamwork, pupils will strengthen their ability to collaborate and support one another. We'll also keep emphasising the importance of respect in school, ensuring a positive, inclusive & supportive environment for all.

Food Tech: we've been learning to stay safe in the kitchen by handling tools carefully and following instructions. We're also preparing simple meals and snacks whilst exploring new foods. Eating as a class helps us build social skills and enjoy a sense of community. Students with interventions in the kitchen have enjoyed cooking for our class and inviting them to eat together!

Forest School: Weekly sessions help us develop teamwork, resilience, and problem-solving skills through outdoor learning. We'll be exploring nature, taking on challenges, and working together on practical activities outside. We've been mining for crystals, making ink from mushrooms and building race tracks for cars.