Hawthorn Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1st half -2026

Meet your teacher

Hello! I am Mrs Woodhouse (was Miss Wykes) and I've been at Springmead since 2019. I have worked in schools since 2017 and every day is still a learning experience.

I have taught in Year 3, Reception and Years 4 and 5.

I lead English across Springmead and have led events such as World Book Day and Springmead Big Read for many years.

In my free time, I enjoy reading and going to the gym. I enjoy listening to music and I especially like songs from the 80s, particulary Michael Jackson.

All I ask is that you put the same effort and respect into your learning as I do planning and teaching - I don't care if you are wrong but just that you have given it a good go!

Useful website links

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zhgppg8
https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?AgeGroup=3
https://mathsbot.com/primary/ks2Mini
https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zxsbcdm
https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zpnvf82#zpghhcw

Optional Homework Activities

We will be celebrating children who independently challenge themselves by practising additional year 3,4,5 and 6 spellings and complete more than the 10 minute expectation for TTRs.

Children can also further their learning by conducting research into our topics and creating fact files on these

P.E. Days

Wednesday and Friday

Homework

Handed out Friday, due in Thursday.
Spelling, arithmetic, TTRs.

Important Dates

3rd September – First day of school
Week beginning 14th September - 1:2:1 Year 6 parent meetings
Week commencing 19th October – Parents Evening (PTCs)
26th-30th October –Half term

Secondary school dates

1 st Sept - Secondary school applications open

Open evenings

10th September, 5:00pm–7:30pm - Ridgeway (ticketed event)
17th September, 5-8pm -Bishops Hatfield
28-9th September, times vary - Richard Hale
tbc - Stanborough
1st October, 5-8pm - Monks walk
7th October, 6-8 - Sele
31st October - Secondary school application window closes

Wellbeing

Starting a new school year can be exciting but overwhelming. Help your child settle into Year 5 and 6 with confidence by:

- Returning to regular bedtimes early.
- Encouraging independence with daily tasks.
- Discussing feelings and friendships.
- Keeping active through play.
- Limiting screen time.
- Asking simple questions about their day.
- Modelling positive ways to handle change.

This half term Hawthorn class are learning about...

History: Anglo-Saxons

Who were the Anglo Saxons and how do we know what was important to them?

Science: Light

Exploring how light travels and it can be manipulated

Art:
Banksy/Printing and patterns
Using a "tag" of their name

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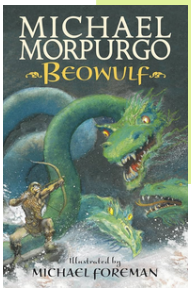
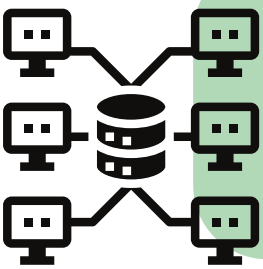
Maths:

Number, Place Value, the Four Operations

English:
Writing a mythical narrative based on the legend of Beowulf.





Computing:
Online Safety and Databases

Creating and exploring how data can be sorted into spreadsheets.

P.E
OAA and Netball
Team building activitives and learning tactics within matches.