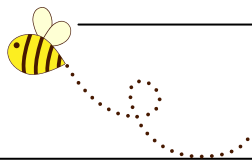


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A message from Mrs Thomas

We have continued to have a very busy time here in school and the children have been really enjoying getting stuck in to their new topics. Please see the updates in this newsletter to find out what your child has been getting up to!

Year 3 have been on their local walk this week to the Brighton Hill shops. They have been putting their map skills into practice and enjoyed looking at the different features of the local area on their journey. They looked exhausted when they got back!! There is a report from two Year 3 children about their walk later in the newsletter.



THANK YOU!

This week, we also held our Harvest Festival assemblies. A massive thank you for all of the donations that we received - we managed to fill three large tables! The Food Bank will send us the weight of our donations so we will let you know when we have this information to pass on. Volunteers from the Food Bank came to talk to the children about what happens to all of the donations after the assemblies. The children found out that, between January and August this year, 2658 adults and 1723 children had been supported by the Basingstoke Foodbank. Donations have come from 53 churches and major supermarkets in Basingstoke. All of our school donations will go to help people in our town, so thank you so much for contributing.

As part of our development of activities at lunchtime, we would like to create a 'dressing up' box. We are looking for donations of clothes that the children could dress up in and use for role play. These do not have to be official dressing up costumes - we are really looking for things like dresses, skirts, trousers, jumpers, coats, hats etc that the children can use for everyday role play. If you have any clean donations, we would love them! Please send them in with your child and we will collect from classrooms.

Please also see the request later in the newsletter from the School Council who are requesting donations for a Christmas jumper swap. If you are like me, I am currently sorting out summer clothes to go up in the loft and trying to retrieve some warmer clothes for autumn / winter. It seems a bit crazy to be putting my Christmas jumpers in the wardrobe already! It does, however, seem a good time to start looking at Christmas jumpers that children may have now grown out of. More about this later on...

As a school, we are always looking to make improvements and we are very grateful to those parents who came to the coffee morning with Mrs Turner last week. While you received support, we have also listened. Year 3 will be receiving some extra information about school events and reading at HWJS. Please also see the information about homework in this newsletter which hopefully makes things a bit easier if you have children in different year groups.

Sorry to nag, but please can I remind you that the play equipment on site is not available for use before and after school - this must be supervised by school staff for insurance purposes.

Thank you for your continued support and have a great weekend!
Mrs Thomas



At Hatch Warren Junior School, we use an online platform called Purple Mash for setting homework. Schools across the country now use online platforms for setting homework and, as children move through the education system, an increasing amount of work is set and completed on digital devices.

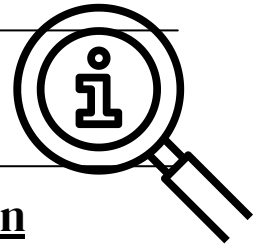
We set a small amount of homework, mainly linked to reading and maths. Please see the information below about what homework is set in each year group and an estimate of how much time this should take.

Homework across the school will now be set on a Thursday and will be due in the following Tuesday. This will hopefully make it much easier if you have children in different year groups.

If you have any questions about homework, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Year Group	Homework Set	Time it should take
Year 3 and Year 4	Reading - A chapter of a book set on Purple Mash (Serial Mash) each week with a quiz on what has been read. Maths - Times tables practice using Times Tables Rockstars website	Reading - about 15 minutes Maths - about 5 minutes
Year 5	Reading - A chapter of a book set on Purple Mash each week with a quiz on what has been read. Maths - a maths task and a times table game set on Purple Mash	Reading - about 15 minutes Maths - about 10 minutes for the task and 5 minutes on the times tables game
Year 6	Reading - A chapter of a book set on Purple Mash each week with a quiz on what has been read. Maths - a maths and a times table task set on Purple Mash Grammar - a grammar task set on Purple Mash to revise key information	Reading - about 15 minutes Maths - about 10 minutes for the task and 5 minutes on the times tables game
Reading for all year groups	<p>All children are able to take out two books from the library:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · One book will be a book band book (phonics book or Bug Club book at their colour band level). The idea of this book is that it is at their reading level and therefore can access it independently. For children further up the school, this might be a colour banded book from the library rather than a scheme book. · One book is a free choice book. This can be a sharing book. By this, we mean that the child might not be able to read it independently but they can share it with someone at home. · There is no requirement to record reading at home. Purple Mash records completion of the set homework task each week. 	
Adaptations for children with SEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The books set on Purple Mash for reading have the facility to be an audio book - all children can therefore either read or listen to the story. · Times tables tasks will be set for the child's level. · Maths tasks on Purple Mash will also be set for the child's level. <p>Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions about this.</p>	

Whole School Information



School Council Update

The school council met this week for their first meeting of the year. This was a great chance for them to talk about how things are in school and to suggest any improvements.

This week, they talked about the changes to the behaviour policy and how the Trackit system is used. They liked the changes and felt that the corridor was a calm place to be. The new class marble rewards have also been a big hit! Children are clear on what they are working on in their class team and they are really looking forward to their class rewards. Some classes are already achieving their first rewards of the year and the rest are very close!

The children had some good suggestions of further improvements we could make outside at lunchtimes so we will look into these for them.



The school council are going to be running a Christmas jumper swap!

If you are sorting out your summer and winter clothes and you realise that you have Christmas jumpers that your child has grown out of, we would be grateful for donations.

If you are willing to donate a jumper, please could these be brought in to school **in the week after half term**. The school council will then organise a date for our jumper swap where you can purchase a jumper for £1, with funds going to buy some more toys for lunch times. Please note that we are only looking for children's jumpers. We recognise that the cost of buying new jumpers is increasing so we thought this would be a good way to reuse outgrown jumpers at an expensive time of year! Our Christmas dinner this year will be on Wednesday 17th December and children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers for the day.

Friends of Hatch Warren

Thank you to those who did attend the Friends AGM a couple of weeks ago. Unfortunately, we did not have enough people come forward to take on the committee roles. The Friends make such a huge difference to our school, raising money to support the funding of school trips and other exciting school developments. Our committee leaders are not willing to let the Friends of Hatch Warren Juniors fold so have agreed to remain for one more year. They are, however, really keen to ensure that they can run events with enough parent helpers otherwise events may need to be cancelled. If you can help with events, please email the school office to offer your support. Thank you.



Sporting Competitions

Mrs Bishop has been so impressed with the fantastic effort our children have been putting into attending the morning table tennis practices. Their commitment and the progress they've made over the past few weeks have been brilliant to see! Due to the growing popularity of the sport, Mrs Bishop is now considering setting up a permanent table tennis club to run throughout the year — a great opportunity for pupils to continue developing their skills. We're all looking forward to the upcoming competition on Monday, and we'll be sharing the results in the next newsletter to let you know how we get on. After half term, our sporting calendar continues with the start of the Netball League — our first game will be against St Mary's. Mrs Bishop will be selecting the team next week and is excited to begin training for the upcoming matches. Well done to everyone for their enthusiasm and teamwork!






Achievements



House Points

The current totals for the year are: 60, 259 - wow!!!!

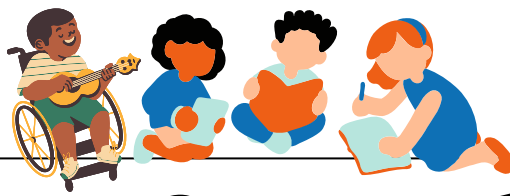
House	Points
Farah	16,938 
Gershwin	15,806
Rowling	15,096
Newton	12,419

Stars of the Week/Growth Mindset



Congratulations to the following children who were awarded "Star of The Week"/"Growth Mind Set" Award over the last two weeks: we are proud of you!

Class 1: Ayumi Jake Mason Matthew	Class 2: Isak Thea Sidney Leighton	Class 3: Kaan Alba Beatrix Ethan
Class 4: Cwynn Kaleb Neve Carter	Class 5: Sophie Ethan Mia Roman	Class 6: Nate Lily I Clarisse Freddy
Class 7: Louis M Kyden Henley Gabriel	Class 8: Lucy Makanaka Ella Amelia	Class 9: Freddie S Leia Ruby Samuel
Class 10: Max Teddy Peyton Aaliyah	Class 11: Luke Vibhav Marcel Cody	Class 12: Nell Thomas Sophie Alana



Year Group Updates

Year 3

Year 3 have had a great few weeks and have been working really hard across all subjects. In maths, the children have been focusing on addition, subtraction and money, showing great determination and enthusiasm as they practise new skills. In English, they have been enjoying learning about different sentence structures and using these in their writing based on the short film *The Way Back Home*. Their creativity and imagination have really shone through!

Each class has also enjoyed their geography walk, putting their learning into practice by using OS maps and identifying physical and human features in our local area. The children loved spotting examples of what they had discussed in class. In science, they have been learning all about joints and how our bodies move, even creating their own skeletons to show what they have discovered.

Please ensure your child has their reading book (Bug Club or Read Write Inc) in their bag each day so they can read with an adult throughout the week. Hopefully you now have both the Purple Mash and Times Table Rock Stars logins. Purple Mash is set from Thursday to Tuesday, and it would be great to see the children logging in and practising their 2s and 10s each week.

Well done, Year 3 – another brilliant few weeks of learning and fun!

The Year 3 Team



Year 4

We've had an amazing week in year 4. We have been working very hard to write our diaries in the style of the Anglo-Saxon children, utilising expanded noun phrases and the writing strategy "show not tell" for emotions. To assist us, we drew on knowledge from our guided reading and our first-hand experiences from our trip to Stubbington.

In maths, we have been developing our addition and subtraction methods, applying this to money and next week measures. We will also be doing a lot of converting of measures.

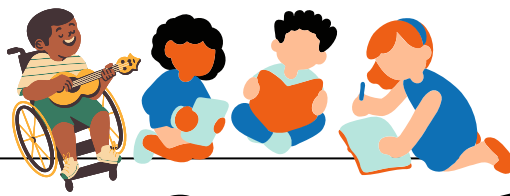
We have also finished some amazing line drawings inspired by our artwork, which focusses on the Anglo-Saxons.

We look forward to seeing you at parents evening(s) where you will have the opportunity to see some of your child work.

A reminder that PE days are on a Monday (inside) and Wednesday (outside) so please ensure that the children have appropriate clothing and that earrings are taken out and long hair tied back. Homework will be given out on a Thursday and be expected in on a Tuesday. This half term the expectation will be for the children to use TTRockstars and complete a short reading task on Purple Mash – passwords have been sent out, but please see your child's class teacher should you need a reminder.

The Year 4 Team





Year Group Updates

Year 5

It has been a fantastic two weeks in Year 5!

This week in maths, they have been looking at mental strategies for both addition and subtraction.

In English, the children have started looking at a new book called 'The Lost Happy Endings'. It has been great seeing their improvement in using descriptive language to make their writing more engaging.

In science, they carried out an experiment looking at which materials dissolve in water to form a solution.

In geography, the children learnt all about what is being done in the world to improve peoples' lives in slums.

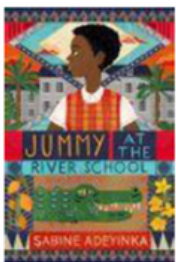
Finally, in DT they have started cutting the felt and sewing their money containers. They have tried really hard with these and hopefully you will see that in their final products.

Please be aware that homework on the Purple Mash website will now be given on a Thursday and should be completed by the Tuesday.

We hope you have a great weekend!

The Year 5 team

Year 5 recommended read



Adayinka,
Sabine

Jummy at the
River School

Jummy is excited to have won a place at the River School, Nigeria's top boarding school, until her best friend Caro arrives there also but to work not learn! The injustice burns in Jummy's heart and she sets out to fix things. A great read that looks at inequality, friendship and standing true to your values.

Year 6

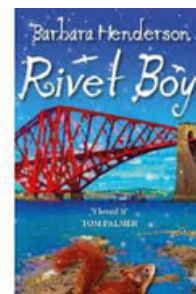
Over the past couple of weeks, Year 6 have really engaged with our Industrial Revolution topic.

In English, they have complete writing their informal diaries and have now started to carry out some research about Victorian workhouses. They will be using the information they gather to write non-chronological reports.

Within history lessons, the children have been practising being historians and really carefully thinking about the causes and consequences of inventions, such as The Water Frame (a machine invented for spinning thread) and the steam locomotive. To really understand the reason for the invention of machines to spin wool into thread, the children had a go at hand spinning some wool type material. They all seemed to agree that this was very hard and would take along time to produce enough good quality thread to be turned into fabric.

DT lessons have seen the children using hacksaws and bench hooks to cut and shape wood to create their moving vehicle frames. The vehicles are really taking shape, as axles and wheels have been added to the frames. The next step is to add in an electrical circuit - fingers crossed for lots of successful moving vehicles next week!

Year 6 recommended read



Set in Victorian times, this is the story of the children who worked on the dangerous job of building the famous Forth Bridge. This is a truly exciting adventure that brings a real historical scenario to life. The thought of being perched up on top of the bridge with no safety measures at all will make your blood run cold! Add into that some villainous villains and a child hero, and you have a recipe for breath-taking episodes and action-packed escapades, with a seamless blending of fact and fiction.

Year 3 Walk to Brighton Hill

We walked around Asda and the other shops in Brighton Hill shopping centre. On the way there, we saw 2 parks, lots of trees and a church. We added it all to our map using our symbols. Half way through our walk, we had our snack and played behind the church. And we had the best day EVER!

By Bora and Polly, Class 2



During the walk, the children had to think about the area around them, including:

- What do we have in our local area?
- What is good about our local area?
- Is there anything you would change that you need?

They also had to think about man-made and physical features they saw on the way.



Student Achievements



A huge WELL DONE!!! to Finlay in Class 8.
Finlay plays cricket with Oakley Cricket Club and has recently received an award at the end of season awards ceremony for the club.

During the season, he played for both the under 9s and the under 11s teams.
He has received coach's player of the season 2025 for his hard work, dedication to the team and the sport, his team work and for setting a good example to his team mates.

What a great achievement Finlay!! We are super proud of you.



We love to hear about what children are getting up to outside school and be able to celebrate their achievements.

If you would like to share any achievement news with us, just email in to the office and we can celebrate in our newsletters.

**Home School Link Worker
&
Designated Safeguarding Lead**



Mrs Turner is able to support families in lots of different ways. If you need some support or you have questions, please see Mrs Turner. She is at the school gate on Tuesdays to Fridays. Alternatively, you are welcome to contact her via the school office.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, Mrs Turner keeps a close eye on attendance across the school. She will be contacting families over the next few weeks to offer support with attendance.

Mrs Turner will also be running her next coffee morning after half term. More information will follow but keep a watch out for the date. It would be great to see you there.

Don't forget that you can find a lot of advice and support on the school website under the 'Parents' tab.

Have you Seen?

Don't forget to check out the 'Parents' page on the school website.

<https://www.hwjs.hants.sch.uk/topic/parents>

There is a lot of useful information here for parents, whether you are looking for support on finances, mental health or parenting.

Don't forget the 'Community' page too!

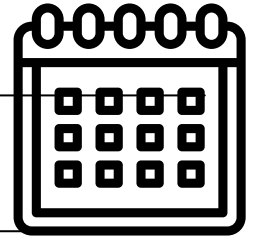
<https://www.hwjs.hants.sch.uk/community-page/>

We update this page regularly - please keep an eye to see what's going on.

This is where we also put information about activities in the local community. We cannot advertise paid-for activities on our newsletter but we can direct you to the community page! Events for half term will be published shortly.



Dates for your Diary



A full list of the Autumn Term Dates will be released shortly. In the meanwhile please find below a list of upcoming dates for your diary:

- 13th to 17th October - Year 6 Bikeability Week
- 14th & 16th October - Parents Evenings - No clubs on these days apart from Gymnastics on Thursday.
- 24th October - Whole School Outcome Event - 2.30pm
- 27th to 31st October - Half Term
- 3rd November - INSET Day
- 10th-12th November - Year 5 Stubbington Residential
- 10th November - "Cool to be Kind" week - events in school
- 14th November - Children In Need - Non-Uniform Day - more info to follow!
- 17th November - Road Safety Week - events in school
- 18th November - Y3/4 Reading Cafe -9-10am school hall
- 20th November - Y5/6 reading cafe - 9-10am school hall
- 24th November - 1 x Y4 Class to QMC
- 25th November - 2 x Y4 Classes to QMC
- 25th November - Nasal Flu Vaccination in school
- 8th December - Y6 Listen to Me Concerts PM - time TBC
- 9th December - Y3 Portals to the Past in school
- 10th December - Y4 Listen to Me Concerts PM - time TBC
- 15th December - Rock to the Beat Concert - 10am school hall for parents of those who take part
- 16th December - Christmas Panto - in the school hall AM
- 16th December - Y5 Listen to Me Concerts PM - time TBC
- 17th December - Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
- 18th December - Y3 Listen to Me Concerts PM - time TBC
- 19th December - End of Term - finish time 2.30pm