



Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely break and are ready to continue on your learning journey at St James' Lanehead. As you already know, your child is in Hawthorn Class and the class teacher is Mrs Moses. Mrs Catlow and Mr Playfer will support learning.

## Curriculum

We have lots of exciting learning planned for this year. You can find the curriculum map for each half term on our school website: [www.st-jameslanehead.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.st-jameslanehead.lancs.sch.uk). Each half term, we will also add a more detailed overview to our class page.

## Forest School

We are very excited that Hawthorn Class has been chosen to use our Classroom Under the Sky every Thursday afternoon for the Autumn Term. We are really looking forward to taking our learning outdoors with the help of Miss Parkinson and Mrs Burnett. It is important that we have the correct gear to suit the weather conditions, because whether rain or shine, we will be outdoors. You will be sent information regarding what your child needs to wear. It might be an idea to keep an eye on the weather forecast, too!

## PE

On Wednesdays, we will be doing our PE lessons. We will be outside for our baseline assessment and indoors for gymnastics lessons. Make sure you send your child to school in their PE uniform on these days. Children are not permitted to wear any jewellery for school and long hair needs to be tied back. If you are unsure of PE uniform, please check the school website. Later in the year, we will be having swimming lessons. You will receive more information about this nearer the time.

## Reading



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In Hawthorn class, we love reading. In order to improve our reading, it is important to practise reading out loud every day. Not only do we read the words, we notice the punctuation so that we know where we need to pause so that our reading makes sense. This will also help us with our writing. When you have listened to your child read (a few pages every day, please) complete their reading journal by recording the pages read and add a short comment. Home reading books and journals need to be brought into school and placed in the reading tray so that we can change books promptly. To help your child, ask them lots of questions about what they have read; make a collection of 'new' vocabulary; discuss characters and retrieve information. In addition to home reading, we will do daily guided reading sessions and every child will have a 'reading for pleasure' book which they can dip into in class.

## Multiplication Tables

It is extremely important that we know our times tables and can recall them quickly. Knowing our tables helps us with lots of maths topics including fractions, percentages, calculating area and problem solving so it is important we know them almost without thinking! Learn them by chanting before moving onto TTRockstars to practise them and improve speed. You need to know them as multiplication and division facts, too.

## Homework

We will give homework out every Friday to be returned the following Wednesday. This will be something we have already done in class that we need to practise. If there are any problems, please ask. Maths videos can be found by following these links:

Year 5: <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning?year=year-5-new>

Year 6: <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning?year=year-6-new>

Try not to leave homework until Tuesday evening. Encourage your child to get it done early so that they can ask for help if necessary.



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We are really looking forward to teaching your child in Hawthorn Class. If you need any clarification about anything, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Hawthorn teaching team. Don't forget to keep your eyes on our class page for updates on our learning.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Moses, Mrs Catlow and Mr Playfer



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