Hawthorn and Poplar Curriculum Newsletter, Autumn 1 2018

English

In English we will start the year with Roald Dahl week, focussing on 'The Giraffe, The Pelly And Me'. We will also use the text 'The Little Red Hen' to think about autumn and growing vegetables and to begin teaching the children to remember to leave spaces between words, use capital letters and full stops when writing sentences. We will learn how to use the joining word 'and' in our writing.



Go Wild

Go Wild is our topic for this term. Our focus will be trees and plants and looking for signs of Autumn. We shall learn how to identify deciduous and evergreen trees. We will spend time outside looking at leaves and trees and learning about the basic structure of a variety of different flowering plants. We shall start to learn about the different seasons and how the weather is affected by the changing seasons.

Art/DT/Music/Re

As artists we will be creating Autumn pictures and creating our flower shop role play areas. We will make soup from autumn vegetables. In music we will learn new songs and start to explore different musical instruments. Our RE focus will be 'Where do I belong? where we will think about our families, communites and groups we belong to.

Diary Dates

Parent's evenings will be on October 17^{th} and 18^{th} from 3.30 to 6.20 pm.

Your child will bring home a form for you to indicate your preferred time and date.

Half Term — Saturday 27th October — Sunday 4th November.

Monday 5th November — INSET Day school closed.



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Welcome back! We hope that you have all had a wonderful Summer! We are very excited about the new term and getting to know you and your children.

PE

Every Friday we will be swimming at Frome Leisure Pool. Please make sure your child has their kit with them ready to go!

The children will be learning about keeping their bodies healthy, why we need to warm up when we exercise and continuing to develop their skills. Children need their PE kit in school every day.

Maths

In maths we will continue to build on our learning of number and place value. We will learn to count, read and write numbers to 10 in numerals and words. We shall learn to find one more and one less than a number. We shall start to solve addition and subtraction problems and write number calculations of our own. We will be exploring the properties of shapes.



Guided Reading and Phonics

We shall start to hear children read in guided reading groups. We will develop the children's comprehension skills by asking them questions about the texts they are reading.

Children will have a phonics lesson five times a week where they will build on their existing knowledge of sounds and blending.



Individual Reading

Our home learning focus is reading. Please continue to hear your child read on a daily basis and record their progress in the Reading Record book. If your child needs their book changed they need to place it in book changing box.

We may also send home some tricky words to practise.