

Enabling children to be the best that they can be!

HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

CLASS INFORMATION SPRING 2022 - CLASS 4



Staff: Miss Wooddisse (class teacher Mon to Thu), Mr Neil McKernan-Lewis (Fridays) Mrs Dodd (teacher Science Tue PM), Mrs Hopkins (teacher Art and RE Mon PM). Ms Clark, Mrs Manning, Mrs Stoner (support staff)

Our class topic this term is **The English Civil War**.

Our class story book is "Foxbusters" by Dick King Smith.

Our **Writing** will include science fiction and fantasy narrative writing, persuasive writing about whether the pupils would choose to be a Roundhead or Cavalier (based on our Civil war topic) and poetry based on ballads and haikus.

Our **Maths** will follow the "White Rose Maths" scheme of work with daily arithmetic teaching and units including fractions, decimals, percentages, shape and space, measures, data handling and geometry. There will be a free **Maths SATs booster club** for the Year 6 pupils on Tuesdays starting after half term.

In **Science** the children will be learning about Evolution. The **History** unit will study the English civil war with a focus on "democracy" and a visit from Civil war historians, storyteller Steve Manning and a whole school trip to Torrington. The trip will focus on one of the last significant battles of the Civil War– the Battle of Torrington and pupils will be shown significant places around the town where the battle took place. The **Geography** unit will focus on, "How is climate change affecting our weather?" **Art** work will study the fashion designer, Vivienne Westward. In **DT** the children will focus on learning about healthy food. The Year 5s will be having weekly "mini police" sessions every Wednesday morning this half term.

Our **PHSEE** (personal, social, health and economic education) will follow the area of "Relationships" with subjects covered each week being reported in the whole school newsletter. In **RE** the children will consider, "Creation and Fall" and "What difference does the resurrection make for Christians?" The children will also be having weekly **French** and **Music** lessons where they will learn how to play the violin. In **Computing**, using our Purple Mash curriculum, the children will learn about spreadsheets and blogging.

What the children need every day:

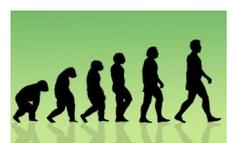
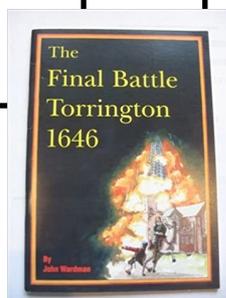
A coat, a backpack, Packed lunch (if they have one), water bottle and reading book.

To come in their PE kits on:

Wednesdays - PE will take place at Tarka Tennis and Falcons Gymnastics starting on Wed, 12th January.

If you need to speak with Miss Wooddisse please ring the school office or email her: ewooddisse@hhttps.org

Spellings and homework will be given out every Thursday (generally set on Google Classroom) for a test the following Thursday.



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Positive Learning Behaviours based on animals are central to our school's ethos for learning and the school's values for behaviour. These will be referred to specifically in lessons and pupils will be rewarded for demonstrating these positive behaviours. They are as follows:

good listening - a bat
being resilient - an ant
taking risks - a meerkat
being independent - a tiger
being creative - a unicorn
being ready to learn - an elephant

working as a team - a bee
making links - spider
being curious - a cat
having empathy - a monkey
being wise - an owl



OUR SCHOOL GOLDEN RULES

We look after each other.

We are kind.

We behave well so that teachers can teach and children can learn.

We look after our things.

We never give up!