

# Hazel Class Newsletter

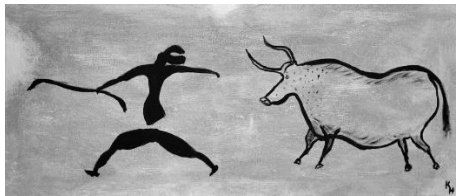
## Autumn 1 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Bartons, after our summer break. We hope you all had a lovely time with families and friends and are ready for the year ahead. It has been lovely getting to know the children in Hazel Class this week and welcoming several new members who have joined us. We look forward to continuing their school journey with them this year. We are taking our time to settle back into routines in Key Stage 2. The children will notice some new ways of working in class as well as some familiar features of lessons.

We have an exciting start to the year planned, with the introduction to our topic Stone Age to Iron Age. As part of this work, we will be visiting Butser Ancient Farm where we will see and experience different aspects of Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age life.

Our Science work focuses on light. We will be thinking about shadows, sources of light and the effects of the absence of light linking this to life in caves and homes in the past.



### English

We will be developing our knowledge of grammar, punctuation and spelling further this year, through our writing on our varied topics. We will also be working on improving our handwriting to ensure it is always neat and clear. Spelling will also continue to be a priority and will build on children's prior knowledge of common words as well as spelling patterns, using phonics and developing our knowledge of word families.

Reading remains an important area and we welcome your support in reading daily at home with your child. It is really helpful to us if you record when you hear your child read in their reading journal. Please encourage them to ask and answer questions as they read their books. Remember, you are able to follow your child's AR progress using the parent sign in option.



## Maths

We will continue to develop our maths skills in class through the Numicon approach. Several new concepts will be introduced this year as well as consolidating and building on number work from previous years. Please continue to support your child's maths by learning times tables and number facts; using these in everyday life where you can. You will already have a login to a site called Times Table Rockstars. Here your child can build their fluency and speed with tables in a fun way at home. We will be learning tables in school so that children will gain a deeper understanding of the number patterns and relationships in tables.

## Homework

Reading, spellings, times tables and learning number facts will continue to be very important aspects of the support you can give your child in their learning.

Homework will vary over the term and will require your child to have access to a computer/tablet. If this is a problem please see Mrs Reynolds. We will be using the Seesaw program to set homework and children will be required to respond to this during the week. Some homework will be set on MyMaths, where children respond straight onto the program.

## PE this year

Our PE sessions are timetabled for Mondays and Thursdays this year so children should wear full PE kits to school on these days. Please remove earrings and tie up long hair for PE. **Children will not be allowed to participate in the PE lesson if they are wearing earrings.**

Children will require P.E. plimsolls or trainers as we will be doing lessons outside as much as possible. They may also require spare socks, a warm sweatshirt or jumper and joggers for outside PE. Remember these should be a plain, dark colour.

## Looking Forward

If you wish to discuss anything regarding how your child is settling into Year 3 before you receive an initial target sheet in October, please make an appointment to speak to me on the phone via the office.

Mrs Terry, Mrs Williamson and I are looking forward to an exciting, happy and interesting year with Hazel Class and hope your child settles quickly back into learning at school with their friends.

Best wishes. *Mrs Reynolds*