

Hazel Class Newsletter

Spring 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back after the Christmas break and Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed spending time with your families during the holidays.

Our term starts with Science Week and we will be exploring magnets and forces, through activities, experiments and games.

We have some interesting topics planned for this term, starting with learning more about volcanoes and discovering what happened at Pompeii. We will be finding out how the Romans changed Britain and their significance in history.



After half term our topic will be based on Rainforests and named 'Carnival Fever'. As the weather starts to warm up, we hope to be learning about plants and growing our own. We will be learning about how plants grow in different places and at how the Rainforests are affected by human behaviour.

English

We will continue to improve our knowledge of grammar, punctuation and vocabulary through our writing about science, history and also our reading. The class has really enjoyed getting immersed into longer books and texts this year and we will continue to build this love of reading with new titles this term.

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.

We will be concentrating on learning spelling patterns which children should then use in their writing. Homework will be set to develop children's recognition and spelling of commonly used words (Year 3/4 common exception words).



Maths

We will continue to build our maths skills through the Numicon approach. Please continue to support your child's maths by learning times tables and number facts. You have received 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 and we have weekly updates on how each class performs on this website. Some of our class are improving their skills really well and linking their knowledge to maths work in class as a result. Tables will be a focus of many of our maths topics this term.

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.

Work on TT Rockstars is expected weekly for all children and work on Numbots will also strengthen their number skills.

Mymaths work should help children to consolidate and extend their classwork and may be completed over a number of weeks.

I will continue to set homework on Seesaw. These activities will support class work and children should aim to complete these tasks within a week.

PE this year

Our PE sessions are timetabled for Tuesdays and Thursdays this term and we will continue working with Mrs Barlow. Children should continue to come to school dressed in PE kits so that they are ready, and don't forget warmer clothes, trainers and a change of socks for outdoor sessions. Please remove earrings and tie up long hair on these days. As our uniform policy states, Fit Bits and large watches are NOT allowed in school .

Looking Forward

We have a visitor planned to help our understanding of the Romans and we would have planned a visit to enhance our next topic after half term; obviously we will have to see what restrictions are in place nearer the time.

If you wish to discuss anything regarding your child or you have any worries, then please make an appointment to see me through the Office or to have a phone conversation.

Mrs Terry and I are looking forward to another exciting and interesting term with Hazel Class.

Mrs Reynolds