

Hazel Class Newsletter - Autumn 2



Dear Families,

I hope you are well and all had a fabulous half term break. Thank you to all of you who attended parents evening at the end of last half term. It was great to be able to discuss your child's learning and progress with you all.

Please ensure you are following our class twitter page: [@ClassHazel](#) I will continue to upload useful information and let you know some of the things we've been up to in school.

Please do feel free to contact me if there is anything you would like to discuss or any questions I can help with. Either catch me at pick-up time, or email the school office who will pass anything on to me.

Miss Doubleday

Homework

Homework will continue to be given out on a FRIDAY and collected on the following FRIDAY. I will be handing out a paper copy to all children, and a copy will be uploaded to our Google Classroom in case your child is not in or their paper copy is lost.

Our weekly spelling test will be on a Friday. Spellings will be stuck into your child's reading record for the half term as well as given out as a handwriting homework activity each week. I would really like the children to understand the words they are being set, therefore, please encourage your children to look them up, and try to put them in a sentence.

Reading

It is vital that your child is reading at home everyday, either independently or with an adult. It was lovely to see so many of you at our Reading Cafe and I hope it was helpful to see what we do in school, as well as what we do on our side to help develop confident and fluent readers. Your child should be bringing in their reading record everyday.

Times Tables

Times Table tests will still continue every FRIDAY. Your child should be practicing their spellings everyday, this can be as simple as singing them on the way home from school, or by using Times Table Rockstars. If your child needs their Times Table Rockstars login again, please let me know.

PE

Our PE day is still MONDAY and will still be outdoors. Please ensure your child has a suitable PE kit in school; it is getting chilly, so I would recommend packing joggers or leggings. All items should be named, and in keeping with the school uniform policy.

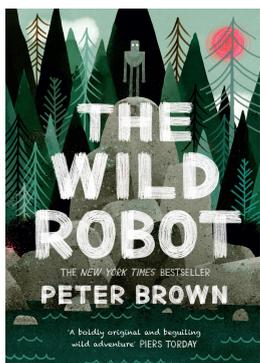
Forest School

Forest School will be continuing this half term, still on a THURSDAY. Please ensure that your child brings in a full change of clothes (including shoes) for this. If you would like to volunteer and help out at a Forest School session please let the school know, it would be lovely to have some of you along.

Curriculum Map

Here are the topics we will be covering this half term.

Subject	Topic
Maths	In Maths we are first looking at Perimeter and then will be moving onto Multiplication and Division , which will also continue after Christmas.
English	We are starting the term with a Quest Tale , and will later be moving onto Persuasive Writing .
Science	Our topic this half term is Sound . While this can be a little noisy it is a great topic for the children to explore, and will allow us to do various experiments and activities.
Humanities	We are moving to History this half term, and will be learning all about the Ancient Egyptians . We are hoping to arrange a trip related to this topic, so watch this space!
PE	We will be learning how to play Netball in PE this half term. With a focus on developing our ball skills as well as knowledge of the game.
Computing	In Computing we will be improving our touch typing skills , as well as learning about Online Safety .
PSHE	This half term we will be Celebrating Differences .
RE	We will be learning about Islam through the question ' Why do Muslims call Mohammed the Seal of the Prophets? '
French	We will be continuing Les Animaux , we will therefore be practicing our use of the French language through discussion about animals. As well as this, we will explore our Language of the Term, which is Mandarin.
Music	This half term we will be exploring ' How does music connect us with our past? '.
DT	This half term we will be designing and making Christmas Tree decorations! This will be happening in the last week of this half term.



Our Class Book:

Our class book this half term, as chosen by the children, is *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown. If your child is really enjoying it, there is a sequel to the book (*The Wild Robot Escapes*) which may want to go on several Christmas lists...!

We will also be continuing our 'Book of the Week', allowing the children to hear an extract from 7 different books this half term. To keep up-to-date with these 7 books, please follow our class twitter, where I put the title, the author and a picture of the book.