



Happy New Year!

Welcome back. We hope you and your families had a wonderful break.

If you have any questions about your child's learning or any other aspect of Hazel Class life, please do not hesitate to contact me via Class Dojos or by email – ghopkins5.210@lgflmail.org . Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Regards, *Miss Hopkins*

Class Teacher – Miss Hopkins

Additional Support Staff: Ms Snowdon

Spring 1 2023 - This half term Year 5 will be learning about the following topics:

English	In English the children will continue to exploring a variety of texts, including 'The Tempest' by William Shakespeare and 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan . Through these quality texts pupils will learn to apply their writing skills and produce extending pieces in a range of writing genres. We will be exploring how language can be used to describe settings, characters and atmosphere. We will also explore how we can build cohesion within paragraphs. In the Tempest, we will explore playscripts through setting and character descriptions, diaries and dialogue. In the Lost Thing, we will explore our own version fantasy narratives Diaries, formal letters, adverts, character and setting descriptions, non- chronological reports. This term, we will be focusing on our handwriting and our presentation. We will be concentrating on improving our cursive handwriting and ensuring our presentation is consistent across our pieces of writing. Spelling tests will take place weekly on a Friday. The children are tested on their homework spellings for that week.
Reading Records	We will continue with physical reading records. They are expected to bring these into school daily and write at least 4 entries a week about what they are reading. Reading records are checked every Thursday of each week. Children will have the opportunity to choose books from the school library each week. All children will be required to take their library book or classroom book home each night to read, and log comments into their reading records. Please read and discuss your child's book with them and ensure that it is returned each day in a school bag. The library reading books will be changed weekly as and when appropriate for each child. Reading rewards will be given to children for fantastic, in-depth comments.
Maths	In Maths the children will begin the term by looking at Multiplication and division. We will look at multiplying numbers up to 4 digits by a one- or two-digit number using a formal written method, including long multiplication for two-digit numbers, multiply and divide numbers mentally, drawing upon known facts divide numbers up to 4 digits by a one-digit number using the formal written method of short division and interpret remainders appropriately for the context, solve problems involving multiplication and division, including using their knowledge of factors and multiples, squares and cubes, solve problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and a combination of these, including understanding the meaning of the equals sign and solve problems involving multiplication and division, including scaling by simple fractions and problems involving simple ratios. They will continue to develop their mental maths knowledge of all their times tables (12x12) through weekly time stable tests on TTRS and Maths frame. Please encourage the daily use of these at home. https://trockstars.com/ https://mathsframe.co.uk/
Science	In Science we will be looking at Earth and Space. The children will learn about the movement, shapes and sizes of the earth, sun and moon. They will also be learning about the earth's orbit around the sun and why we have day and night. This will also be a good opportunity for the children to engage in outdoor learning when learning about why shadows change.
Computing	Our topic this half term is 'We are Web developers' . By the end of this unit, we will be able to: Name and function of components making up the school's network Understand how information is passed between the components that make up the Internet. Know what the source code for a web page looks like, and how it can be edited Know how a website can be structured Know how to add content to a web page.
Topic	Our Topic this half term is 'Exploring Eastern Europe.' In this unit, children have the opportunity to explore Eastern Europe. Firstly, they will learn about the countries of Europe. They will then look in more detail at some of the contrasting areas of eastern Europe, finding out about the landscape, climate and locations in each area. Children will bring together their learning about one area of eastern Europe and create information booklets to share what they have found out. In the final lesson of the unit, children will find out more about Chernobyl and its impact on eastern Europe and the rest of the world.
DT	Our DT unit this term will be Electrical systems - doodles . In this unit, the children will learn how to: To know that, in a series circuit, electricity only flows in one direction. To know when there is a break in a series circuit, all components turn off.

	<p>To know that an electric motor converts electrical energy into rotational movement, causing the motor's axle to spin.</p> <p>To know a motorised product is one which uses a motor to function.</p>
P.E.	<p>Hazel will have PE on a Thursday afternoon. Children must wear their PE kit with their school jumper to school on this day. Please ensure that your child/children have the following kit for PE: Black tracksuit bottoms, a white t-shirt and black trainers or plimsolls. This term focus will be gymnastics. This year Hazel class will have an additional PE session on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit on Tuesdays and Thursdays.</p>
Music	<p>Children will take part in weekly Brass lessons on Thursday. Please encourage your child to rehearse regularly and bring their instrument into school.</p>
R.E.	<p>This term in RE, we will be learning about inner forces. There will be a focus on how beliefs from all faiths can influence our actions.</p>
P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	<p>This term our focus will be on how we can keep ourselves safe. They will learn how to recognise potential hazards in the home and how to act in order to reduce the risk of harm. They continue to develop their understanding of taking responsibility for their actions.</p>
MFL	<p>Our Spanish unit this term will be 'The way we look'. In this unit, we will apply previous knowledge of topic areas such as clothes and the body, developing our vocabulary at the same time. We will learn to describe our own appearance and we will have the opportunity to talk about our emotions and health, increasing their conversational skills.</p>
Homework	<p>here will be weekly literacy and numeracy tasks set on Google Classroom that the children will be expected to complete. They should continue to learn their times tables, which will be tested on a regular basis, and they should continue to practice these using Times Table Rock Stars, for which they have their own logins. Additional maths homework will be assigned on the Sumdog website, for which each child also has their own username and password. Children also need to practice and learn the spellings that they are set. All homework will be set on a Friday and will be expected to be completed and submitted by the following Tuesday.</p>
Additional Information	<p>Please ensure that your child attends school with a fresh water bottle every day and is wearing the correct school uniform. Our uniform encourages a sense of belonging and is compulsory for all children from Reception Class to Year 6.</p>
Key dates	<p>Spring 1 – Educational visits TBC</p> <p>19th January – Hazel Class assembly</p> <p>27th January 2023 - Poetry Recital assembly</p> <p>30th January – 3rd February – Maths Week</p> <p>3rd February - NSPCC Number Day (Fundraising)</p> <p>9th February – End of Term School Disco 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm</p>

Term will finish **Thursday 9th February 2023** and school will resume on **Monday 20th February 2023**

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Hazel Class Team:

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