



Welcome back after your first half term break! We hope you have had a relaxing break and are ready for a new term bursting with numerous learning experiences.

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 – [ehoward37.210@lgflmail.org](mailto:ehoward37.210@lgflmail.org). Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Regards, *Ms Howard*

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**Autumn 2 2023- This half term Year 5 will be learning about the following topics:**

<b>English</b>	<p>In English the children will continue to exploring a variety of texts, including <b>'The Man Who Walked Between the Towers' by Mordicai Gerstein</b> and <b>'The Tempest' by William Shakespeare</b>. Through these texts they will extend their writing. 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. 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.</p> <p><b>Spelling tests will take place weekly on a Friday. The children are tested on their homework spellings for that week.</b></p>
<b>Reading Records</b>	<p><b>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.</b> 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.</p>
<b>Maths</b>	<p>In Maths the children will begin the term by looking at <b>multiplication and division</b>. The children will explore factors, common multiples, prime, square and cube numbers, multiplying and dividing by 10,100 and 1000 and finally looking at multiples of 10, 100 and 1000. The children will then move on to the first part of Fractions. They will continue to develop their mental maths knowledge of all their times tables (12x12) through weekly time stable tests on TTRS, Sumdog and Maths frame. Please encourage the daily use of these at home. <a href="https://ttrockstars.com/">https://ttrockstars.com/</a> <a href="https://mathsframe.co.uk/">https://mathsframe.co.uk/</a> <a href="https://www.sumdog.com/user/sign_in">https://www.sumdog.com/user/sign_in</a></p>
<b>Science</b>	<p>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. They will also be learning about the movement of the Earth Moon relative to the Earth. We will be working scientifically - recording data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams and labels, classification keys, tables, scatter graphs, bar and line graphs. This will also be a good opportunity for the children to engage in outdoor learning when learning about why shadows change.</p>
<b>Computing</b>	<p>Our topic this half term is 'We are cryptographers'. In this unit, pupils investigate early methods of communicating over distances, learn about two early <b>ciphers</b>, and <b>encrypt</b> and <b>decrypt messages</b> in various ciphers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Session 1</b> they are introduced to <b>semaphore</b> and communicate information using it</li> <li>● <b>Session 2</b> they are introduced to <b>Morse code</b> and communicate information using it</li> <li>● <b>Session 3</b> they learn about ciphers and the Caesar cipher to crack <b>codes</b></li> <li>● <b>Session 4</b> they learn how to use frequency analysis, common words and substitution ciphers to crack codes</li> <li>● <b>Session 5</b> they learn about the importance of password security</li> <li>● <b>Session 6</b> they learn about encrypted websites and evaluate the unit of work.</li> </ul>
<b>Topic</b>	<p>This half term the children will be focusing their learning on the historical topic 'Shang Dynasty'. By the end we will be able to:</p> <p>Pinpoint the location of the Shang on a map of China and describe and name some cities and physical features of the land.</p> <p>Describe the roles of different members of Shang society and know where they fitted in the Shang social hierarchy. Describe a range of artefacts and know what they were made of and what they were used for Explain what oracle bones were and how the Shang used them.</p>
<b>Art</b>	<p>Our Art and design topic this term is <b>'Architecture'</b>. We will be investigating the built environment, drawing from observation and evaluating design features of buildings. Children should be able to create a building design based on a theme and from this, design a monument that symbolises a person or event.</p>

<b>P.E.</b>	<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 half term the focus will continue to be <b>football</b>. Hazel class will continue to have <b>swimming lessons</b> on <b>Monday</b> this term, so please ensure swimming kits are brought to school. <b>Children should ensure they are wearing school uniform to go swimming on Mondays.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p>
<b>Music</b>	Children will take part in weekly Brass lessons on Thursday. Please encourage your child to rehearse regularly and bring their instrument into school.
<b>R.E.</b>	This term in RE, we will be learning about how Christmas is celebrated around the world. There will be a focus on what happens during advent and stories relating to the origin of Christmas. Our big question will be: how is Christmas celebrated around the world?
<b>P.S.H.E. &amp; Citizenship</b>	This term our focus will be celebrating differences. In this unit we will learn to: compare how I live my life with how somebody in a different culture lives theirs, respect other people's ways of life (culture), speak up and help others when they are being bullied and knowing I can speak to an adult, to use a range of strategies to help me if I am being bullied and to use problem-solving scenarios to guide me.
<b>MFL</b>	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.
<b>Anti-bullying week</b>	Anti-bullying week will take place across the school in the week beginning Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November Children will participate in a variety of activities throughout the week and we will be selling anti-bullying wristbands before and after school. There will also be a whole school home learning project linked to anti-bullying. Finally, we will be taking part in Odd Socks Day, a national day to celebrate what makes us all unique, on
<b>Christmas performance</b>	Our Christmas performance will take place on <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b> . Arrangements will be confirmed in due course.
<b>Homework</b>	<p>Children are sent home weekly Maths and English homework and bi-weekly Science homework in their folders. This is sent home along with spellings on a Friday, and should be brought in by the following Tuesday. 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.</p> <p><b>All homework will be set on a Friday and will be expected to be completed and submitted by the following Tuesday.</b></p>
<b>Key dates</b>	<p>Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> - Children return to school at 8:55am</p> <p>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November- Y4, Y5 and Y6 Black History Month assembly (parents invited to attend) at 9:15am</p> <p>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - School council to sell pupil self-portraits.</p> <p>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Black History Month home learning project due to be submitted</p> <p>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Anti-Bullying Week 'Make a Noise About Bullying'</p> <p>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Day Commemoration</p> <p>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Odd Socks Day – Children to wear odd socks to show their support for anti-bullying for a £1.00 donation</p> <p>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Flu immunisation YR to Y6</p> <p>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Road Safety Week</p> <p>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - Whole school safety services event</p> <p>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Assessment Week</p> <p>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Y1 to Y6 Times Tables Challenge competition</p> <p>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Y5 Visit to Frameless Art Exhibition</p> <p>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Christmas production</p> <p>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas lunch and Winter Jumper Day</p> <p>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas fete and cake sale – Christmas Raffle</p> <p>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Spelling Bee competition</p> <p>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas class parties</p> <p>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of term. School finishes at 2:00pm. No After School Club</p>