

Hazel Class Newsletter - Spring 1



Dear Families,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year!

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.

As always, 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 still be on a Friday. The spellings for the half term are in your child's reading record. Please encourage your children to look up their spelling words if they are unsure what they mean.

Reading

Please continue to ensure your child is reading at home **everyday**, either independently or with an adult. We will be continuing to hear your children read as regularly as possible in school, but it is important you are listening to them too so you can see their amazing progress! 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, in the bath/shower, just before bed, or by using Times Table Rockstars. If your child needs their Times Table Rockstars login again, please let me know.

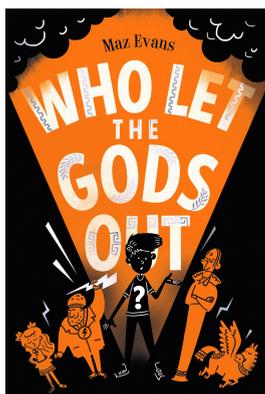
PE

This half term we will be going swimming on a MONDAY. Please send your child in with appropriate swim kit - tight fitting swimsuits/trunks, a swimming hat, and a towel (your child can wear goggles if they wish). The children will also be doing PE on a THURSDAY with Mrs Shadbolt, this will be indoor. Please ensure your child has a suitable PE kit in school; all items should be named, and in keeping with the school uniform policy.

Curriculum Map

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

Subject	Topic
Maths	In Maths we are continuing with Multiplication and Division . Later in the half term we will be looking at Area and also starting our Fractions topic. NSPCC Number day is also this half term, stay tuned for more information on this!
English	We are starting the term with a Warning Tales , which will be taught alongside our class book 'Who Let the Gods Out?' by Maz Evans. We will also be exploring Poetry at the end of this half term.
Science	Our topic this half term is Electricity . We have already started looking at this and the children really enjoyed our first lesson.
Humanities	We are sticking with History this half term, and will be learning all about the Romans . This is a particular favourite of mine and I'm sure the children will also really enjoy!
PE	As mentioned above we will be going Swimming on Mondays this half term, they will also be doing Dance on a Thursday with Mrs Shadbolt.
Computing	In Computing we will be continuing to improve our touch typing skills , as well as learning how to use Spreadsheets .
PSHE	This half term our topic Dreams and Goals . This will explore the emotions involved with making goals, both short and long term and how we can overcome difficult times.
RE	We will be learning about Hinduism through the question 'How does the story of Rama and Sita inspire Hindus to follow their dharma?'
French	Our French topic this half term is La Famille, we will therefore be practicing our use of the French language through discussion about our families. As well as this, we will explore our Language of the Term, which is German.
Music	This half term we will be exploring ' Developing Pulse & Groove Through Improvisation '.
DT	This half term we will be designing and making torches ! This will be happening in the last week of this half term and ties in really nicely with our Science topic.



Our Class Book:

This half term our class book is 'Who Let the Gods Out?' by Maz Evans. This is part of a series of books which your child may enjoy reading after we have finished the first one.

We will also be continuing our 'Book of the Week', allowing the children to hear an extract from 7 books this half term. The children do have access to these books in school, but if you would like to get them something to read at home please follow our class twitter, where I put the title, the author and a picture of the book.