

HAZEL CLASS SPRING 2 NEWSLETTER



WELCOME BACK

Well, we have officially made it to the half way point of the academic year, where did that time go! We are now starting to see the lighter mornings and longer days and hopefully the weather will soon start to become warmer and drier. With that in mind, we would like to remind you that we will be using the field more frequently at breaktimes and lunchtimes, but that children **MUST** have a change of shoes in school to be able to experience this. This term we have beach school on Thursday afternoons, so there will be a few changes to our PE days, which will now be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please ensure that the children come to school in their PE kits on these days and that their kit is weather appropriate. Clarinet will continue to take place on Thursdays. It is important that children remember their clarinets every week to participate in the lessons. I also have my release time on Thursdays, where the class will continue to be in the capable hands of Mrs Lincoln on However, if you do need to contact me I will still be available.

LITERACY

In writing, this half term we will begin by writing mystery stories, which will be inspired by the story "The Lost Thing". We will then write nonsense poems, taking inspiration from the poem "On the Ning Nang Nong". We will complete the term by writing newspaper reports based on "The Three Little Pigs Project".



In guided reading lessons we will be reading "The Explorer" and "The Polar Bear Explorer's Club".



MATHS

In Maths, this half term the topics we are covering are: Comparing Decimals, Fractions and Percentages, Perimeter, Area and Volume and Ratio.

HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

In Years 5/6 children are expected to take more responsibility for their home learning, to support them in going forward into High School. They are expected to read at home regularly, which they can do on their own, but please make sure you sign their reading records and that they are brought into school daily. Children should complete spelling tasks on Literacy Gold at least twice a week and TTRockstars as much as possible. Children in Hazel Class are also expected to complete one set Literacy task and one set Maths task each week on SATS Companion. If they would like to complete more non-set tasks this will be great in supporting their learning further.

WIDER CURRICULUM

Our topic for this term is "Built to Survive". In Geography, we will be learning about the Alps, their location in the world, their geographical and human landmarks and what it is like for people to visit and live there. Music will link to our geography, as we explore what synaesthesia is and then use alpine colours to inspire compositions suitable for an Alps themed tourist video soundtrack. In computing, we will further support our music and geography by creating spreadsheets for an imaginary tourist event and in design technology we will be designing our own monitoring devices suitable for tracing people if they were trapped in the mountains. PSHE, sees us delving into the world of economic wellbeing, learning about weekly budgets will also support the children when creating their spreadsheets in computing. In French, we will be learning about French verbs. Science, will give us lots of opportunities for practical investigations, as we learn about mixtures and solutions and the different methods for separating them. Our big question in Religious Education is "How do the 'Heroes of faith' encourage Christians today?" and our PE topics for this term are orienteering and tennis.