

HAZEL CLASS SUMMER 1 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and managed to get some time out and about during the windows of nice weather. I would like to remind you that we will be continuing to use the field more frequently at breacktimes and lunchtimes, but please remember that children MUST have a change of shoes in school to be able to experience this.

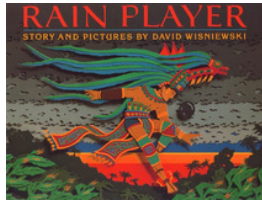
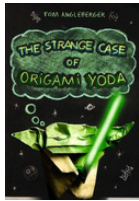
Our PE days this term will be on Mondays and Thursdays. Please ensure that the children come to school in their PE kits on these days and that their kit is weather appropriate. Remember, PE kits, including zip up jumpers and hoodies, are only to be worn on PE days unless otherwise stated. Children should be dressed in appropriate school uniform the rest of the time.

Clarinets will continue to take place on Thursdays. Please ensure children bring their clarinets each week.

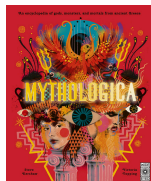
I now have my release time on Wednesdays, where the class will continue to be in the capable hands of Mrs Lincoln. However, if you do need to contact me I will still be available.

LITERACY

In writing, we are starting by writing instructions explaining how to make origami Gods. These will be inspired by "The Strange Case of Origami Yoda". We will then write cultural tales about Gods based on "Rain Player" and complete the term by writing our own Ode's to different Gods, using our prior learning.



In guided reading lessons we will be reading "Mythologica", which is a non-fiction text and "Who Let the God's Out".



MATHS

In Maths, this half term the topics we are covering are: Algebra and Shape.



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 practise their timestables for at least 20 minutes a week on TTRockstars. This is vital, as timestables recall and understanding is needed in a range of maths tasks in Years 5/6.

Children are also expected to complete one set Literacy task and one set Maths task each week on SATS Companion.

WIDER CURRICULUM

Our topic for this term is "Echoes of Olympus".

In History, we will be immersing ourselves in the world of Ancient Greece and answering the big question "What is the Legacy of the Ancient Greek Civilisation?"

Art and DT will be combined, as we look more closely at Ancient Greek architecture while sketching, designing and sculpting Greek buildings and monuments.

French will also link to our history, as we learn how to discuss sports within the Olympic games.

In Science, we will be investigating materials by looking at properties such as hardness, transparency, conductivity and reversible and irreversible changes.

In computing, we will be looking at variables in games and how to create code to make different functions happen.

Music gives us the opportunity to learn some songs from Africa and recite them verbally and then with instruments.

Our PE topics for this term are dance, where we will be creating routines based on the theme of Greek Gods, and health related exercise.

On Wednesdays, with Mrs Lincoln, the children will carry out a PSHE Health and Wellbeing unit and in RE, answer the big question "Should believing in the resurrection change how Christian's view life and death?"

