

HAZEL CLASS SPRING 1 NEWSLETTER



WELCOME BACK

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had an amazing Christmas and were able to relax and have fun during the holidays. We can now look forward to Spring and the lighter evenings gradually returning as we head into the next term.

Due to there being no swimming or beach school this term, there are changes to our PE days, which will now 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.

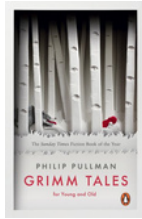
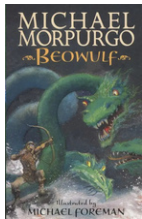
Clarinet will continue to take place on Thursdays. It is important that children remember their clarinets every week to participate in the lessons.

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



LITERACY

In writing, this half term we will begin by writing character descriptions, which will be inspired by the story "Beowulf". We will use the same story, in poetry form, to help us in creating our own narrative poems. Our second piece of writing will be a balanced argument, supported by some of "Grimms Fairy tales".



In guided reading lessons we will be reading "Sir Gawain and the Green Knight" and "Grimm Tales: Young and Old".



MATHS

In Maths, this half term the topics we are covering are: Multiplying and Dividing Fractions, Working with Decimals and Comparing Fractions and Decimals.

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 "Epic Roots".

In History, we will be exploring how the Vikings raided, traded and lived their lives, we will also be looking at their achievements and researching some of their sagas.

Music will link to this as we explore Viking sagas through the medium of song and try to create some of our own.

In computing we are creating 3D objects digitally. The children will be designing their own Viking ships using Tinkercad.

In Design Technology we will be designing and sewing our own Viking themed waistcoats, hopefully with a fashion show at the end.

In art, we will be using mark making skills to develop a range of Viking themed prints.

In Science, we are learning about the life cycles of plants, mammals, birds, amphibians and insects.

In French, we will be learning about French music celebrations.

With Mrs Lincoln in RE, we are answering the question 'How do questions about Brahman and Atman influence the way a Hindu lives?' and in PSHE we are exploring citizenship.

Our PE topics for this term are gymnastics and inclusion games.

