

# HAZEL CLASS AUTUMN 1 NEWSLETTER



## WELCOME BACK

Hello everyone!

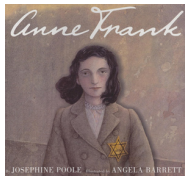
Welcome back! I hope you all had a fun and restful Summer break and are now ready for our first half term back. Our PE days are Mondays, which is running, and Wednesdays, which is swimming. Please ensure that the children come to school in their PE kits on these days and that their kit is weather appropriate, especially on Mondays. To be able to wear goggles for swimming, children will need a new letter of consent (even if they have given one previously) please have these in as soon as possible.

The children will be learning how to play the clarinet this year, which will take place on Thursdays. It is important that children remember their clarinets every week to participate in the lessons.

I will be out of class on Tuesdays for PPA and subject leadership time and on these days the class will be in the capable hands of Mrs Lincoln. However, if you do need to contact me I will still be in school on these days, unless I have training sessions off site.

## LITERACY

In writing, this half term we are using the text "Resist", which will be supplemented with a short video called "Beyond the Lines" to write flashbacks. We will then be reading "Anne Frank" and writing biographies about her.



In guided reading lessons we are reading "When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit" and "Letters from the Lighthouse".



We will then be concluding both guided reading and writing with a selection of "Poems from the Second World War".

## MATHS

In Maths, this half term the topics we are covering are: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division and Fractions.

## 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 that is up to them, these will be set on Fridays.

## WIDER CURRICULUM

Our topic for this term is "Voices Behind the Blackout".

In History, we will be learning about World War 2, with a particular focus on The Blitz, The Battle of Britain, Evacuation and how British peoples lives were effected during this time.

In Science, we will be exploring forces, such as gravity, friction, air resistance and water resistance. We will then be applying our knowledge in these areas when working with pulleys and levers, which also links directly with our Design Technology, where we will be creating a helpful item for the war effort that can be pedal powered.

In Computing, we are exploring computer systems and networks and looking at how these are used to communicate in different ways. We will also revisit how to stay safe when communicating online.

In Art, we will be creating self portraits using a range of mediums to add different moods and emotions.

In Music, we will be singing songs from World War 2.

In French, we will be learning how to talk about different methods of transportation.

PSHE is focused on understanding families and relationships and in RE, we are answering the question 'Why is the Gospel such Good News for Christians'? Both of these subject areas will be taught by Mrs Lincoln on a Tuesday.

Towards the end of this half term we will be having an Evacuation themed day. Children are invited to come dressed as evacuees and we will be undertaking our lessons as if we were in the shoes of evacuees. This will be an immersive day so the more the children embrace the experience the more they will get out of it. The date for this is to be confirmed.

