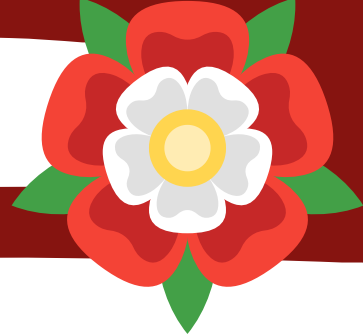


HAZEL CLASS AUTUMN 1 NEWSLETTER



WELCOME BACK

Hello everyone! It is so good to see you all back ready and rearing to go after the Summer holidays. I hope you all had a fantastic break and are now feeling well rested for our first half term back.

Our PE days are Mondays and Wednesdays. Wednesday's PE will be swimming. Children should come to school in PE kit on both days, which is black/navy shorts/skorts or jogging bottoms and a plain white t-shirt. Black or navy jumpers or zip up PE hoodies can be worn in colder weather but please ensure that these are not logoed. The children will have clarinet lessons on Tuesdays, Year 5's will be given their clarinets on the first lesson back and are expected to bring these every week.

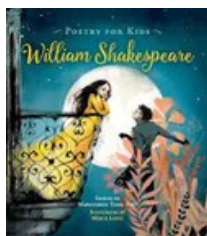
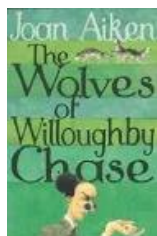
I will be out of class on Wednesday mornings for PPA and subject management time.

LITERACY

In writing, this half term we are using the texts "Wind in the Wall", to create mystery stories and "Romeo and Juliet", to write balanced arguments.



In guided reading lessons we are reading "The Wolves of Willoughby Chase" and "Poetry for Children by William Shakespeare".



MATHS

In Maths, this half term we are going to be revisiting place value with numbers up to 10,000,000.

We will then be practising our skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

In Years 5/6 children should read at home as much as possible. They can do this on their own, but please make sure you sign their reading records and that they are brought to school daily.

Children should also practise their times tables using TTRS as much as possible. This knowledge is the foundation for a lot of what they will be covering in maths.

In addition, year 5/6 children are expected to complete literacy and maths tasks on SATS Companion every week, these will be set on Fridays.

WIDER CURRICULUM

Our topic for this term is "Tudor Hearts and Minds", so we are focusing on all things Tudor!

In History, we will be learning about Henry the 8th, his wives and what life was like in Tudor England.

In Art, we are carrying out artist studies and then using our knowledge to create a range of portraits using different mediums and techniques, with a Tudor focus. In Design Technology, we will be researching the types of foods that were eaten during Tudor times and having a go at creating some of our own.

In Music, we are listening to various pieces from the Baroque era and then composing.

In Science, we are learning about the circulatory system including the heart, blood and lungs and discussing how to keep our bodies and minds healthy, which links with our PSHE, which sees us focusing on settling in to our new year groups and looking at how we can keep ourselves healthy, physically and mentally.

In Computing, we are exploring computer systems and networks and finding out more about search engines and how these work.

In RE, we will be looking at Christianity and answering the big question: Why is the gospel such good news for Christians? We also have a trip planned to Kentwell Hall at the end of September, more information on this to follow!