

Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn 1

Welcome to year 4! We are sending out our Autumn term 1 newsletter early during our transition day so you have information about your child's new class ahead of the summer break. A copy of the newsletter will be sent out as normal via groupcall after the summer holidays. We hope you have a lovely summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Welcome

Welcome to Year 4! I hope your children had a restful summer holiday and are excited to return. I am thrilled to be your child's Year 4 teacher and look forward to encouraging them to be the best version of themselves while continuing from where we left off. I have high expectations for the children this year and will motivate them to achieve their best.

I firmly believe that home and school communication is vital to your child's education and emotional well-being, so please feel free to talk with me after school, or for a longer appointment, please contact the school office at admin@hazelleysacademy.org.

I have put together some information that I thought would be useful for you to enable you to support your child's education this term.

Spelling and Reading

This year we will have our test spelling on a Monday and new spellings will be sent home on the same day. In reading we be focusing on fluency and reading for meaning.



Our class text this term will be The Firework-Maker's Daughter- Phillip Pullman

Writing

We will be writing a fiction piece based on the short film Dream Giver. We will also be writing a non chronological report on about the "Rock Cycle" as well as an essay based on our geography topic. We will be describing how Corby has changed over time.



Maths

In maths we will start the year looking at place value: reading and writing numbers to 10000, comparing and ordering numbers and we will also look at Roman numerals.

We will then move on to the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

We will work on adding and subtracting, 10's & 100's and 1000s adding and subtracting two 4 digit numbers.



Science

Our science topic this term is "The Human Body". We will be learning about how cells are the building blocks of the human body and we need nutrition to keep our bodies working as they should, the teeth and senses, digestion and the process of digestion and vitamins and minerals and understanding a healthy diet.



Computing

In computing we will be learning how to use spreadsheets and how to search effectively.



Art & Design/Design & Technology

In art we will be studying "light" in art. We will look at drawing dark and light, painting dark and light, we will be painting a still life with acrylic using ground and underpainting as techniques and then using tints and shade to show form. This will help children understand how artists use and show light in different ways.



Geography/History

Our history topic this term is “Ancient Greece”. We will be learning about all the city states in Ancient Greece, understanding Athens and the importance of democracy, Sparta and their thirst for War, The Persian Wars, Alexander the Great and Greek Philosophy. (This is a 12-week unit and will continue into next half term)



Our Geography topic this term is ‘Spatial Sense’. We will be focusing on recognising geographical tools on a globe, looking at scale for distance, recapping grid references, recognise key features of Corby and understand how Corby has changed over time.

Music

This term we will be studying musical structures in music. We will be using the social question – How does music bring us together?



PE

PE days are **TUESDAY AND THURSDAY** so please remember to send your child to school dressed in PE kit on those days.

Children may stay in PE kit all day. Long hair to be tied up and **no jewellery please**. Thank you.

Topics taught this term:

- Outdoor Adventure
- Tag Rugby



PSHE

Teaching Unit: Being Me in My World



Your child will learn about who they are and how they fit in at our school and the wider world. These will be covered in these separate lessons:

- Becoming a Class “Team”
- Being a School Citizen
- Rights, Responsibilities and Democracy
- Rewards and Consequences
- Our Learning Charter
- Owning Our Learning Charter

RE

In RE we will be learning about Buddhism and answering the question “Is it possible for everyone to be happy?”



Reminders

As a reminder, our school uniform for key stage 2 is a white shirt with a purple cardigan/ jumper with black trousers/skirt and black shoes.

Children are expected to read at home daily. Reading records should be brought into school each Friday for Dojo points to be awarded.

Weekly homework will be given out on a Friday to be handed in the following Wednesday. Dojo points will be given for weekly homework.



Homework Project

Please see separate letter.



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Times Tables Rockstars



Spelling Shed



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mr Fortune
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Howe

Please remember to **name your child's school jumper or cardigan.**

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.



Dates for the diary!

Autumn 1

Monday 2nd September- Training Day 1

Tuesday 3rd September – Training Day 2

Wednesday 4th September – School reopens for pupils

Monday 9th to Tuesday 17th September – Parent welcome meetings

Tuesday 8th October – Individual and sibling photos

Thursday 10th October – KS2 reading drop in

Wednesday 16th October – Parents Consultation Evening 3pm – 6.30pm

Thursday 17th October – Parents Consultation Evening 3pm – 5.30pm

Thursday 24th October – PTA Halloween disco

Friday 25th October – School closes to pupils for Half Term

