

Year 4 Newsletter – Autumn 2

Welcome

Welcome back to term 2. We're eagerly anticipating all the exciting learning opportunities that await us in the coming months over this very busy term.

This newsletter details information about the second term's curriculum and what your child will be studying in the second term of Year 4. It will also give you key dates for term 2 at the bottom of the newsletter.

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 Leo and the Gorgon's Curse.

Writing

We will be writing a fiction piece based on our reading last term "The Firework Maker's Daughter". We will also be writing a non fiction piece comparing Athens and Sparta. We will finally be writing an essay based on our History topic "How did the Ancient Greeks change the world?"



Maths

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

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO GO ONTO TT ROCKSTARS REGULARLY TO PRACTISE THEIR TIMES TABLES.



Science

Our science topic this term is "Classification of Plants and Animals." We will be learning about the different classes of vertebrates and invertebrates and also the classification of plants.



Computing

In computing we will be learning how to create media, more specifically an audio production.



Art & Design/Design & Technology

In art we will be studying "space" in art. We will look at an introduction to space and dimensions, We will explore space in painting: foreground, middle ground and background – identifying and creating foreground, middle ground and background and then finally using colour and detail to show depth.



In DT we will be creating and sewing cushions.

Geography/History



Our history topic this term is “Ancient Greece”. We will be learning about Greek gods, mythology, Arts and architecture, the Ancient Olympic Games and the lasting legacy of Ancient Greece (This will conclude the 12 week unit.

Our Geography topic this term is ‘Mediterranean Europe.’ We will look at key places in Europe, the climate of Mediterranean Europe, food, farming, landscape and settlements.

Music

This term we will be studying musical structures in music. We will be using the social question – How does music bring us together? And we will also be finishing our African Drumming Workshop



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:

- Gymnastics
- Tennis



PSHE

Teaching Unit: Celebrating Difference

This will be covered in these separate lessons:

- Judging by Appearances
- Understanding influences
- Understanding Bullying
- Problem solving
- Special Me
- Celebrating Difference: how we look



RE

In RE we will be learning about Christianity and answering the question “What is the most significant part of the Nativity story for Christians today?”



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.

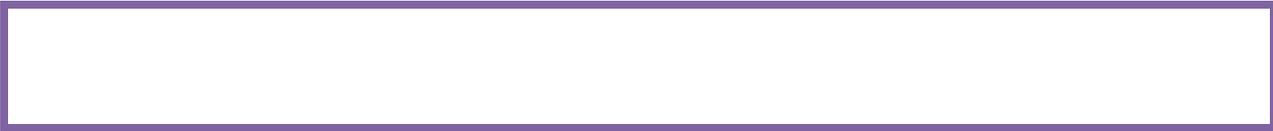
Children are expected to read at home daily. Reading records should be brought into school each Friday for Dojo points to be awarded.

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 2



Monday 4th November – School reopens for pupils

Monday 11th to Friday 15th November – Anti-bullying week

Friday 15th November – Children in Need

Wednesday 4th December – KS2 Carol concert 2.30pm

Thursday 5th December – PTA Christmas Fair

Thursday 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 12th December - Christmas lunch

Wednesday 18th December – Class Christmas parties & Santa visit

Thursday 19th December – School closes for Christmas

