

## Year 6 Newsletter – Spring 2

### Welcome

Welcome back to Hazel Leys Term 4.

We hope you had a lovely half term break and you are well rested for the half term ahead.

Last half term, Year 6 was visited by North Northamptonshire Council, who explained the serious consequences knife crime can have on all parties involved. Pupils discussed making the right decisions and what they would do in certain scenarios.

Pupils also used their knowledge of circuits to create a light up card. They persevered well and we were proud of the outcomes.

At the end of last term, I invited parents into school to explain the Year 6 SATs. If you need any more information regarding this, please do let me know.

This half term, we will be visiting Bletchley Park as part of our history learning and we will enjoy a visit from a theatre company, who will be performing 'The Hobbit'.

Thank you very much for your support.

If you need to contact me, please do not hesitate to arrange a meeting with me via the office at [admin@hazelleysacademy.org](mailto:admin@hazelleysacademy.org)

Miss Celebicanin

### Spelling and Reading

This term, we will test our spellings on a **Monday** and new spellings will be sent home on **Tuesdays**.



We will be reading a wide variety of texts, continuing to work on skills such as inference and explanation, finding evidence in the text to support our arguments.

**PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO GO ONTO SPELLING SHED REGULARLY TO PRACTISE THEIR WEEKLY SPELLINGS.**

### Writing

In English this term, we will be reading Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. The purpose of this unit is

to explore the plot of Romeo and Juliet and analyse and compare the key characters.

The play Romeo & Juliet was written by William Shakespeare in 1595.



### Maths

In Maths, pupils will be learning about ratio – they will learn about scale drawings, using scale factors and answer ratio and proportion problems. Children will also learn algebra. Pupils will begin to understand about different formulae and use this to form and solve equations. Finally, pupils will begin to understand how to work out the area and perimeter of shapes.



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

### Science

Our Science topic this term is 'Light'. We will be looking at how light travels, how we see, shapes and their shadows, the colour of light and we will be making a periscope. Pupils will be learning about how light travels, shadows and their shapes and the colour of light.



### Art & Design

In Art, pupils will be learning about William Morris. Pupils will be introduced to 'block printing'.



They will create sketches to record observations and paint with a wide range of materials.

### **Design & Technology**

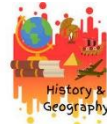
In Design & Technology, pupils will be cooking. Children will learn how to make 'Mezze', which enables pupils to cook from different cultures and allows them to understand that mezze is sharing food.

### **Geography/History**

In History, we will be learning about World War II, which follows on from last half term's topic

'The Rise of the Nazi Party'. We will look at the causes of the war, the Battle of Britain, Bletchley Park (which we will visit), the Holocaust and the Home Front. We will have a special visitor during this topic who was in Year 6 during the middle of the war years.

In Geography, we will be studying South America. We will learn about: the countries of South America, its civilisations and empires, The Andes Mountains and the Atacama Desert, Brazil (Agriculture and Industry) and the Amazon Rainforest.



### **Music**

In Music, children will be 'Musical Styles – Connect Us', exploring the question, "How does music teach us about our community?"



### **PE**

In PE this term, pupils will be learning all about Athletics, with indoor Athletics taking place on a Wednesday pm and outdoor Athletics taking place on a Friday pm.

**Please ensure your child wears sensible academy clothing for PE.**

**Wednesday – outdoors**

**Friday - indoors**



### **PSHE**

In PHSE, we will be learning about 'Healthy Me', which includes: food, drugs, alcohol, emergency aid and emotional and mental health.



### **RE**

In RE, we will be learning about Christianity, specifically asking, "Is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on Earth?"



### **Reminders**

As a reminder, our school uniform for Upper Key Stage 2 is a white shirt and school tie with black trousers/skirt and black shoes.

Children are expected to read at home **daily**. Reading records should be brought into school each **Monday** for Dojo points to be awarded. These will be checked by an adult.

Weekly homework will be given out on a Tuesday to be handed in the following Monday. **From January, weekly homework will be pages from a SATs revision book. These should be returned to school the following Tuesday to be marked.**

Dojo points will be given for weekly homework. This includes Times Tables Rock Stars and Spelling Shed.

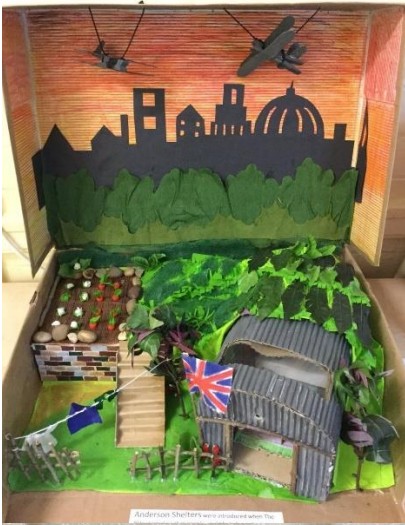


Homework

Homework Projects

History – World War 2

- Make an air raid shelter
- Create a poster with the key events of World War 2
- Create military transport



Geography – South America

- Create a 3D model of South America
- Create a leaflet to describe South America
- Create a poster to describe elements of South America



### 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:** Miss Celebicanin

**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Bradley

**Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan and that upper Key Stage 2 uniform is black/grey trousers/skirt, white shirt and academy tie.**

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!**



**Monday 24th February – School reopens to pupils**

**Thursday 6th March – World Book Day**

**Monday 10th to Thursday 13th March – Book fair**

**Wednesday 19th March – Parents Consultation Evening 3pm – 6.30pm**

**Thursday 20th March – Parents Consultation Evening 3pm – 5.30pm**

**Thursday 20th March – Class Photos**

**Thursday 27th March – Nursery new intake meeting 3.30pm**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Year 6 trip to Bletchley Park**



**Thursday 3rd April – Whole School production 'The Hobbit' 9.30am followed by Y5 & Y6 workshop**

**Friday 4th April – School closes for Easter**



