

Year 2 Newsletter – Autumn 1

Welcome

Welcome to Hendra class! I hope you have all had a great Summer.

I am really looking forward to working with your children this year, alongside Mrs Howe, our teaching assistant.

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, or myself directly at jlowe@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.

Phonics and Reading

Phonics

Reading and Phonics has changed this year.

Our new Phonics scheme is Little Wandle Phonics. Please join our meeting for parents in the school hall on Wednesday 7th September at 2.30pm – 3.15pm, to gain more information about the changes to phonics and reading this year.

Your child will receive two books this year: a fully decodable book, that closely matches the phonemes (sounds) that have recently been taught in school, and that has been read in school during reading lessons, and a 'reading for pleasure' book. Please note, for the first two weeks, your child will take home the 'reading for pleasure' book only. This is because we will be assessing in week 1 and teaching reading of the decodable book in week 2.

READING BOOKS MUST BE SENT IN TO SCHOOL DAILY IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD TO COMPLETE THEIR DAILY READING PRACTICE.

Recommended reads:

The Great Explorer - Chris Judge
Supertato - Sue Hendra
Lost and Found - Oliver Jeffers
The Way Back Home - Oliver Jeffers



Writing

The children will revise writing sentences using correct punctuation.

They will also learn how to write stories using the correct structure, use different sentence starts and extend sentences using conjunctions, such as 'and, because, until, so...'). The children will also explore story settings and learn how to write letters using the correct language and layout.

The teaching of writing will be based around the following books: Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers, and The Great Explorer by Chris Judge.



Maths



This term, your child will revise their mental recall of number bonds within 10 and up to 20.

Through the White Rose Scheme, your child will be learning about:

- Place value of numbers within 100
- Addition and Subtraction

Science



Teaching unit: Materials (shaping up)

In this unit, the children will learn: How can I make different shapes? How can I change the shape of an object? What property allows a material to be changed? Which material should I choose? Pushes and pulls.

The children will complete a scientific investigation: Which elastic should we use for a catapult? What shall we use to make a catapult?

Computing



Teaching unit: Computing: data and information- pictograms

The children will learn about:

- Counting and Comparing
- Enter the Data
- Creating Pictograms
- What is an Attribute?
- Comparing people
- Presenting Information

Art & Design



Teaching unit: Formal elements of Art

Your child will learn about:

- Abstract compositions
- Exploring line
- Making Waves
- Making colours
- Painting with colour

Geography/History



Within the 'Seafarers' topic the children will learn:

Geography: What kind of boats sail on the sea? Are these the same as boats that sail on a river? Which oceans and seas are North of the equator, and which are South? Would I rather sail in the Southern Ocean or the Indian Ocean? Is UK surrounded by oceans or seas? Where are the most RNLI stations located and why? What are the symbols on a map for?

History: What kinds of people became pirates? Should we call Grace O'Malley a pirate? What other significant seafarers were there?

Music



Teaching unit: Hands, Feet, Heart

The children will learn to listen and appraise different genres of music. They will also learn about pulse and start to learn how to play the glockenspiel.

PE



PE will take place on Monday and Wednesday outdoors and indoors, 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:

- Football
- Gymnastics

PSHE



Teaching Unit: Being in my World.

Your child will learn about:

- How to identify their hopes and fears
- Understanding about rights and responsibilities
- Rewards and consequences
- Recognising the choices they make

RE



Teaching Theme: What did Jesus teach?

Concept: Gospel.

Key Question: Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?

Religion: Christianity.

RE teaching is a 4-step process involving: engagement, investigation, evaluation, and expression.

Enrichment



Orienteering workshop with Martin Smith: Tuesday 13th September 2022. Pupils to wear PE kit on this day.
A 'real' pirate visit: Tuesday 20th September 2022. The children will learn about historical pirates.

Homework Project



At the end of every term, a selection of homework projects will be sent home for your child to complete. They may select any of the projects set. Projects will be linked to the learning that will take place in the following term. 5 dojos will be presented on completion of a project.

Weekly homework will be sent home every Friday and should be returned to school the following Wednesday at the latest. Again, dojos will be given as a reward for completing homework.

Weekly homework:

- Read school reading book at least x3 weekly. Please record that your child has read in their reading record, as we collate and record all reads every Friday.
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- Spellings - linked to phonics or spelling pattern taught during the week. There will be a weekly spelling test linked to spellings sent home. Spelling practice may take place on Spelling Shed.
- Maths - linked to concepts taught during the week. In Maths, this may be number bonds or times tables practice.
- Read at least three books from Bug Club.
- Complete times tables practice on Times Table Rockstars

ALL USERNAMES AND PASSWORDS WILL BE STUCK INTO THE FRONT INSIDE COVER OF YOUR CHILD'S HOMEWORK BOOK.



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

The first times tables will be multiplication and division facts for 10.



Spelling Shed

Weekly spelling patterns will be taken from our new scheme Spelling Shed.

Week 1: The /j/ sound spelt –dge at the end of words. This spelling is used after the short vowel sounds

Week 2: The /j/ sound spelt –ge at the end of words. This spelling comes after all sounds other than the 'short vowels.'

Week 3: The /j/ sound spelt with a g

Week 4: The /s/ sound spelt c before e, i and y.

Week 5: The /n/ sound spelt kn and gn at the beginning of words.

Week 6: Challenge Words



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 Lowe

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 and as the weather may still be warm. They may also bring a sun hat and sun cream.

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 5th September – Autumn Term 1 starts
- Phonics Meeting for Parents in Year 1 and Year 2: Wednesday 7th September 2022 - 2.30pm to 3pm in the school hall
- Orienteering workshop with Year 2: Tuesday 13th September 2022. Pupils to wear PE kit on this day
- Pirate visit to Year 2: Tuesday 20th September 2022
- Harvest Festival: date TBC
- Parents' Evening: Wednesday 12th October and Thursday 13th October 3.30pm -6pm
- Black History Month: October 2022
- World Mental Health Day: Monday 10th October 2022
- Pupil Individual Photographs: Wednesday 12th October 2022
- Diwali: Monday 24th October 2022
- School Closes: Friday 21st October 2022
- Staff Training Day: Monday 31st October 2022
- Tuesday 1st November 2022 – Autumn Term 2 starts