

Year 1 Newsletter – Spring 1

**Welcome**

Welcome back to the second term of Year 1! I hope you have all had a great Christmas break.

This half term we're travelling back in time to the age of the dinosaurs. ROAR!  
We will go on a dinosaur hunt and explore how dinosaurs may have lived and eventually died out.

I firmly believe that home and school communication is vital to your child's education and emotional wellbeing, so please feel free to talk with me after school, or for a longer appointment, please contact the school office, or myself directly at [gsproson@hazelleysacademy.org](mailto:gsproson@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**

**ALL PARENTS ARE INVITED TO READ WITH THEIR CHILD IN Y1 EVERY THURSDAY  
8.30AM-8.50AM.**

For information about how we teach phonics and reading this year and support on how to help your child read at home, please visit:

<https://www.hazelleysacademy.org/page/?title=Phonics&pid=219>

1. Your child will continue to receive two books:
  - a fully decodable **e-book**, that closely matches the phonemes (sounds) that have recently been taught in school, if your child is still receiving phonics teaching. They will have read this book three times in school prior to the book being allocated
  - a 'reading for pleasure' book to promote a love for reading

**Please hear your child read at least three times per week at home. Children who read regularly at home, as well as at school, make the most progress. If you cannot access the Big Cat Collins e library on your home devices, please do not hesitate to contact me.**

2. If your child no longer receives phonics teaching, they will still be allocated an e book from the Big Cat Collins e library, as well as a paper copy of the book. They will read on either purple, white, gold or lime band.

The children will also have the opportunity to look at and read non-fiction books based on Dinosaurs

Recommended reads: Bumpus Jumpus Dinosaur Rumpus by Tony Mitten  
Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs by Ian Whybrow  
The Dinosaur that Pooped a Planet by Tom Fletcher  
Dinosaurs Love Underpants by Claire Freedman



**Writing**

The teaching of writing will be based around a variety of Dinosaur themed stories including Bumpus Dinosaur Rumpus, Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs, Dinosaur Roar! and The Fossil by Catherine Brighton.



The children will be looking at rhyming words and different forms of poetry. They will explore story telling narrative and find out about the feature of information texts.

## Maths



This term, through the White Rose Scheme, your child will be learning about:

- Subtraction
- 2D and 3D shapes
- Pattern
- Counting and understanding numbers to 20

## Science



Teaching unit: Sensing Seasons

The children will have the opportunity to observe the changing seasons. They will use their senses as they consider what clothing they should wear in different weather conditions and during different seasons of the year. They will carry out seasonal 'scavenger hunts' to collect evidence of the changing seasons and use that evidence to answer science questions.

## Computing



The children will be finding out how to be Lego Builders and Maze Explorers.

## Art & Design/Design & Technology



We will design and make our own dinosaur puppets using a template to create, learn how to stitch and add detail to our finished product.

## Geography/History



The children will find out about the seven continents and the countries that are within them. They will be able to compare the different landscapes and be able to name the five oceans.

We'll learn about the great fossil hunter, Mary Anning, and follow in her footsteps, studying dinosaur teeth and bones to find out what dinosaurs liked to eat and learning dinosaur names.

## Music



The children will be finding out about different styles of music. They will appraise the song 'In the Groove' a very easy song to learn and has been arranged in six different styles; Blues, Baroque, Latin, Bhangra, Folk and Funk. The children will also play warm-up games and learn to sing the song. They will improvise music using pitched instruments.

## PE



PE will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays 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:-

Dance and Ball skills

**PSHE**

We will be finding out about our Dreams and Goals.



**RE**

The children will be learning about Bible Stories featuring Zacchaeus, the twelve disciples and Noah.



**Enrichment**

Dinosaur Hunt!



**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.

Please bring your holiday project back to school on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Choose one project from:-

Design your own dinosaur and label it. Write about what it looks like, what it eats and where it lives.

Create your own dinosaur picture, using paint, paper and fabric. Make a dinosaur model, using plasticine or old cardboard boxes, bottles and yoghurt pots.

What can you find out about dinosaurs? Research dinosaurs: How long ago did they live on Earth? Why did they die out? Make a fact file.

Weekly homework will be sent home on a Friday and expected back by the following Wednesday. Please log onto Bug Club to access a different range of reading books and answer the questions which will complete the book. Spellings learnt in Phonics sessions will also be sent home on Fridays for practising.



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:** Ms. Sproson

**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Windsor, Mrs. McKillop

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!**

Staff Training Day: Tuesday 3rd January 2023 SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Wednesday 4th January 2023 – school opens - Spring Term 1 starts

Tuesday 10th January – Phonics workshop for parents – parents invited into Year 1 and 2 to observe the teaching of phonics.

Thursday 19th January – Maths workshop for parents in Year 1 and Year 2 Parents invited into school to observe how we teach Maths.

Friday 11th February 2023 – End of Spring Term 2 SCHOOL CLOSES

Monday 20th February 2023 – SCHOOL OPENS TO PUPILS- Spring Term 2 starts