

Year 3 Newsletter – Autumn 1

Welcome

Welcome to Year 3! I hope your children had a restful summer holiday and are excited to come back! I am very excited to be your child's new teacher and I'm looking forward to encouraging them to be the best version of themselves.

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 Friday and new spellings will be sent home on a Tuesday. In reading we are continuing to work on our inference and explanation skills as well as retrieval. We will be focussing on backing up the points we are making using evidence from the text.



Writing

We will be looking at first person narrative description and diary writing in first person. We will also create a non-chronological report linked to our the Solar System and also be writing a report on our History topic.



Maths

In maths we will start the year looking at place value: reading and writing numbers to 1000, comparing and ordering numbers.

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, subtraction with no exchanges and then moving onto adding and subtracting 2 digit and 3 digit numbers.



Science

Our science topic this term is "The Human Body". We will be learning about how the Muscular System, Skeletal System, Nervous System & Digestive System.



Computing

In computing we will be learning to use code and develop their coding skills.



Art & Design/Design & Technology

In art we will be studying lines in art. We will study at how artists can vary the weight of their line and then look at Hokusai and one of his famous pieces of art called "The Great Wave" they will finish the unit by make polytile printing blocks.



In DT we will be making a key ring/festive decoration for use by a member of your family at home or a friend.

Geography/History

Our history topic this term is "Stone Age to the Iron Age". We will be learning about Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic periods, the Bronze Age, Stonehenge and the Iron Age in Britain.



Our Geography topic this term is 'Spatial Sense'. We will be focusing on reading maps and using compasses, investigating our local area and understanding human and physical geography.

Music

In music we will be looking at R&B and will be learning to perform Let Your Spirit Fly



PE

PE days are **WEDNESDAY 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
- Football

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:

- Getting to Know Each Other
- Our Nightmare School
- Our Dream School
- Rewards and Consequences
- Our Learning Charter
- Owning Our Learning Charter

RE

In RE we will be learning about Hinduism and answering the question "Would celebrating Diwali at home and in the community bring a feeling of belonging to a Hindu child?"



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 Eden & Mrs Windsor

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 is warmer 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!

Wednesday 6th September – Children return start of Term 1

Parent Welcome Meetings- 13th September

W/B 2nd October – Parents' Open Sessions (Reading) – days and timings tbc

Monday 16th October School Photographs –Siblings (8.30am) and individual (9.00am)

Tuesday 17th October - Parents Consultation Evening – 3.00pm – 6.30pm

Wednesday 18th October - Parents Consultation Evening - 3.00pm – 5.30pm

Friday 20th October school closes to pupils for Half Term