

# Year 6 Newsletter – Spring 1

## Welcome

Welcome back, we hope you had a wonderful Christmas and we wish you and your family a Happy New Year! Thank you to the parents who joined us for our Christmas Carol Concert. We hope you enjoyed listening to our songs and story of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Last half term was extremely busy. Year 6 visited Hazard Alley, a warehouse with various dangers which taught children how to stay safe. Pupils also visited the Corby Cube theatre and library. North Northamptonshire Council completed a lesson on racism and we were lucky enough to be visited by Peter Barrat, who talked to us about his great grandmother, Alice Hawkins, who was a suffragette, as well as celebrating the Christmas festivities.

This half term, we begin our booster clubs. Your child may have been invited to a booster club with a letter. It is so very important that the children attend these booster groups as they are opportunities for children to work in a small group with an adult, focusing on areas of improvement in order to support the children in their SATs tests.

After half term, I will be inviting Year 6 parents in for a meeting regarding SATs, providing parents will all the information you will need before your child sits the tests in May 2025.

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 using our class text from last half term, Holes, to write an additional chapter from a different character's point of view. We will also be using our knowledge gained in our history lessons last half term about World War I to write a non-chronological report to explain the roles animals played during the war.



## Maths

In Maths, we will be learning about decimals: place value, rounding, multiplying and dividing.

Pupils will also learn how to convert decimals, fractions and percentages, as well as finding a percentage of an amount. In the last week of term, pupils will begin to understand ratio: adding or multiplying, using the ratio symbol and ratio and fractions.

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



## Science

Our Science topic this term is 'Electricity'. We will be investigating and making different circuits, including with switches and will be looking at voltage. Pupils will use symbols to represent components of a circuit including batteries, wires, bulbs and switches. Pupils will learn about the importance of switches for conserving energy and for safety reasons and build their understanding of batteries and their voltage.



## Art & Design

In Art, we will be studying Victorian Art and Architecture. We will be looking at different Victorian buildings, including the Houses of Parliament. Pupils will have an introduction to the Pre-Raphaelites—Millais and the Pre-Raphaelites and realism—Rosset.

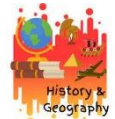


## Design & Technology

In Design & Technology, pupils will be designing and creating a card which operates using an electrical circuit for a friend or family member, using their knowledge gained from their Science lessons.

## Geography/History

In History, pupils will learn about the Rise and Fall of Hitler. We will learn how the surrender of Germany after World War 1, in 1918, shocked him and how he created the nationalist party, which controlled many aspects of life in Germany during this period, including the roles of men and women and education.



In Geography, we will be studying the geography of North America. Pupils will learn about the continent of North America and identify countries within this continent. Pupils will also study the biomes of the continent, as well as rivers. Eventually, pupils will compare a region of North America to a region in the United Kingdom.

## Music

In Music, children will be exploring the question, “How does music improve our world?” Pupils will explore how to use chords in composition, which creates music that is more harmonically interesting.



## 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 clothing for PE.**

**Wednesday – outdoors**

**Friday - indoors**

## PSHE

In PSHE, we will be looking at Dreams and Goals: personal learning goals; steps to success; my dream for the world; helping make a difference and personal achievements.



## RE

In RE we will be learning about Christianity, specifically asking if anything is ever eternal.



## 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 on a Monday to be marked.**

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





**Homework Project**

**History – The Rise of Hitler:**

- Create a timeline beginning at the end of World War 1 and recounting the events of the Rise of Hitler.
- Create a fact file about Adolf Hitler – detailing who he was and the party he created in Germany.
- Create a poster with details about Nazi Germany during the period of Hitler’s rise to power.

**Geography – North America:**

- Create a 3D map of North America, detailing any famous areas with famous landmarks, such as New York and the Statue of Liberty.
- Create a fact file of North America, including population, climate and famous rivers and biomes.
- Create a 3D model of a famous landmark in North America.



**Science- Electricity:**

- Design a short electrical circuit for a small toy that you would create.
- Write a poster to explain what electricity is and how it works.

 <p>RESPECT Each Other</p>	 <p>RESPECT Our Environment &amp; Community</p>	 <p>RESPECT Yourself</p>
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**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!**

**Spring 1**

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – School reopens to pupils
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January – Maths drop in sessions
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Children's Mental Health week
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Science week
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – School closes for half term**

