

Year 6 Newsletter – Summer Term 5

Welcome

Welcome back to Hazel Leys Term 5.

We hope you had a relaxing Easter break. Last term, we visited Bletchley Park as part of our history learning, understanding how coded messages were sent during World War Two. Parents from Years 5 and 6 were invited in to read a story with their child, whilst also tasting meze, honey cake and pitta bread.

This half term is a busy term. Year 6 will be sitting their SATs during the week of Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May.

Monday – Grammar Punctuation and Spelling Paper 1 and Spelling Paper 2

Tuesday – Reading

Wednesday – Arithmetic Paper 1 and Reasoning Paper 2

Thursday – Reasoning Paper 2

Your child will be invited to attend breakfast club, free of charge, during the week of SATs. A letter will be sent in the near future, informing parents of the details.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

If you need to contact me, please do not hesitate to arrange a meeting with me via the office at 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 writing a narrative based on last term's class text 'Letters From the Lighthouse'. Children will also be writing a newspaper report, reporting on the tragic events of the Holocaust. Finally, pupils will be applying their knowledge of the Cold War in an essay.



Maths

In Maths, pupils will be learning about volume and the formulae to solve a volume question. Pupils will also be learning how to measure, classify and calculate different angles, including angles in a triangle.



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

Science

Our Science topic this term is 'Reproduction'. This unit builds on understanding of how plants and animals reproduce from last year's learning. Pupils will observe a potato, ginger and garlic over the course of this unit to look for growth. Pupils will learn that some plants reproduce asexually, not requiring a male and female, but reproducing by copying itself.



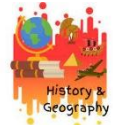
Art & Design



In Art, pupils will be learning about 'Impressionism and Postimpressionism'.

This unit introduces the impressionists through the work of Monet, exploring how they broke from the norm by painting outside (en plein air), using rapid brushwork and painting landscapes showing the transient effects of the weather. By looking at the work of Renoir the children learn how the impressionists used developing scientific knowledge to inform the way they painted.

Geography/History



In History, we will be following on from our learning of World War Two and learning about The Cold War. This unit will challenge the pupils to consider how the Cold War differed from other wars they have previously studied (such as World War I and World War II). The aftermath of the World War II changed the global balance of power, creating a polarised world led by two competing superpowers: The United States of American (USA) and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR).

In Geography, we will be studying 'Africa'. In this unit, pupils will be introduced to the African continent and will begin by looking at the diversity of the continent, preventing any misconceptions occurring about Africa being a homogenous place. They will build on knowledge studied during The Transatlantic Slave Trade in Year 5, looking further back in time and recognising that scientists believe Africa to be the oldest inhabited continent. Pupils will locate physical geographical features of the continent such as the coastlines, the equator, the Atlas Mountains, Mount Kilimanjaro and the Sahel region. They will know that Africa is rich in minerals and resources.

Music



In Music, children will be 'Improvising with Confidence', exploring the question, "How does music shape our way of life?"

PE

In PE this term, pupils will be completing circuits and taking part in the competitive game of Tag Rugby 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 'Relationships', which includes: mental health; love and loss; power and control; being online and using technology responsibly.



RE

In RE, we will be learning about Buddhism, specifically asking, "What is the best way for a Buddhist good life? Right Living and Intention?"



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. **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

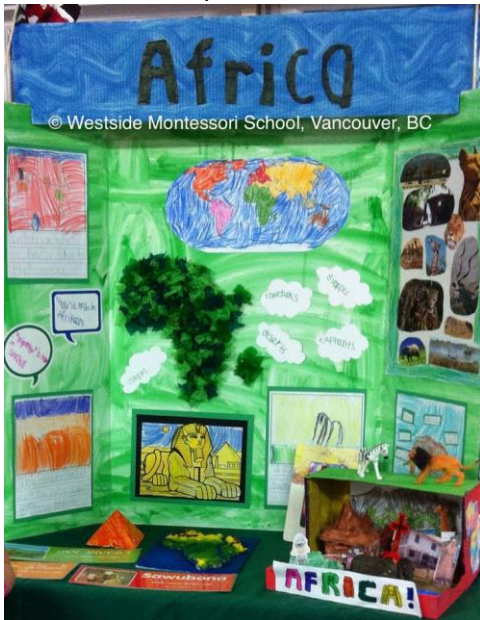
History – The Cold War

- Create a poster with the key events of The Cold War
- Create military transport



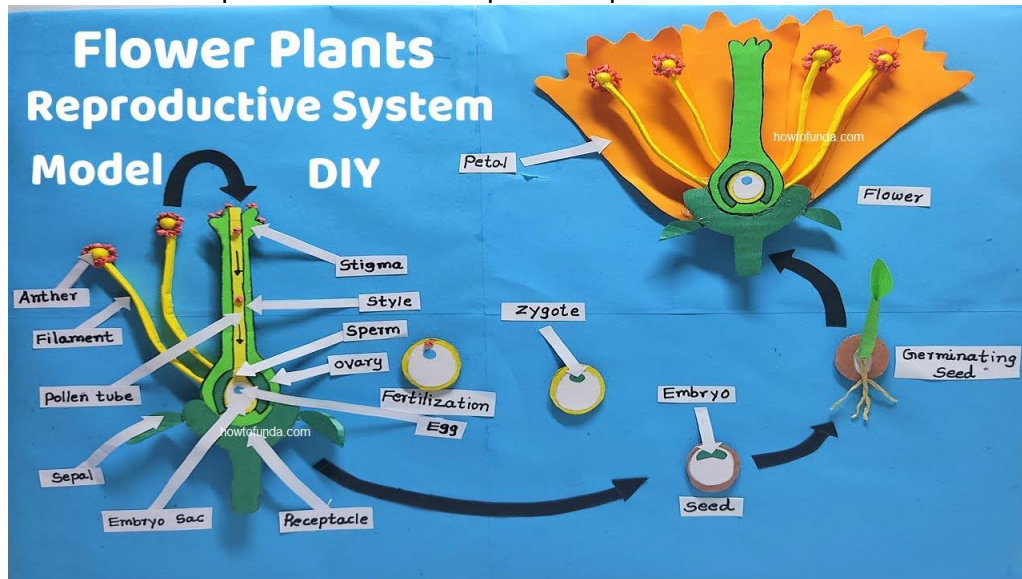
Geography – Africa

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



Science- Reproduction

- Create a poster to describe a plant's reproduction



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!

Summer 1

Monday 21st April – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April – School reopens to pupils

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday

Monday 12th to Thursday 15th May – KS2 SATs

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd May - Walk to school week

Wednesday 21st May – Foundation subject parent drop in sessions

Friday 23rd May - School closes to pupils for Half Term

