

Year 6 Newsletter – Spring 2

Welcome

Welcome back to Hazel Leys Term 4.

We hope you had a lovely half term break and you are well rested for the half term ahead.

Last half term, Year 6 was visited by North Northamptonshire Council, who delivered a workshop about racism. Pupils enjoyed a visit from Hannah Beharry – a former European boxing champion, as well as enjoying a Zumba filled day during Children’s Mental Health Week.

Pupils also used their knowledge of circuits, which they learnt in their ‘Electricity’ topic in Science, to create a light up card. They persevered well and we were proud of the outcomes.

A reminder – SATs presentation for parents will be held in the school hall at 2:30 on Thursday 26th February 2026. Please email admin@hazelleysacademy.org if you can attend.

This half term, we will be visiting Bletchley Park as part of our history learning.

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

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.

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Writing

In English this term, we will be reading Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet. The purpose of this unit is to explore the plot of Romeo and Juliet and analyse and compare the key characters.



The play Romeo & Juliet was written by William Shakespeare in 1595.

Maths

In Maths, pupils will be learning about

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Science

Our Science topic this term is ‘Light’. We will be looking at how light travels, how we see, shapes and their shadows, the colour of light and we will be making a periscope. Pupils will be learning about how light travels, shadows and their shapes and the colour of light.



Art & Design

In Art, pupils will be learning about William Morris. Pupils will be introduced to ‘block printing’. They will create sketches to record observations and paint with a wide range of materials.



The children will create their own Morris inspired designs on polystyrene tiles, which they print using the reduction method (the opposite of block printing).

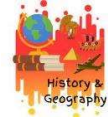
Design & Technology

In Design & Technology, pupils will be cooking. Children will learn how to make 'Mezze', which enables pupils to cook from different cultures and allows them to understand that mezze is sharing food.

Children will make tabbouleh, kofta, tzatziki and baba ghanoush.

Geography/History

In History, we will be learning about World War II, which follows on from last half term's topic 'The Rise of the Nazi Party'. We will look at the causes of the war, the Battle of Britain, Bletchley Park (which we will visit), the Holocaust and the Home Front.



In Geography, we will be studying South America. We will learn about: the countries of South America, its civilisations and empires, The Andes Mountains and the Atacama Desert, Brazil (Agriculture and Industry) and the Amazon Rainforest.

Music

In Music, children will be 'Minimalism and Soundscapes'. The music focus is:



Rhythm and Tempo

- Using rhythmic motifs in a repetitive way
- Using a variety of different tempi

Texture

- Layering of repeated rhythmic patterns

Instrumentation

- Combining acoustic and recorded sounds
- Sampling everyday sounds

Dynamics

- Using a variety of different dynamics
- f, p, mf, mp, crescendo and diminuendo

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 academy clothing for PE.



Wednesday – outdoors

Friday - indoors

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning about 'Healthy Me', which includes: food, drugs, alcohol, emergency aid and emotional and mental health.



RE

In RE, we will be learning about Christianity, specifically asking, "Is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on Earth?"



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 Wednesday to be handed in the following Wednesday. **Homework will be pages from a SATs revision book. These should be returned to school the following Wednesday to be marked.**

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

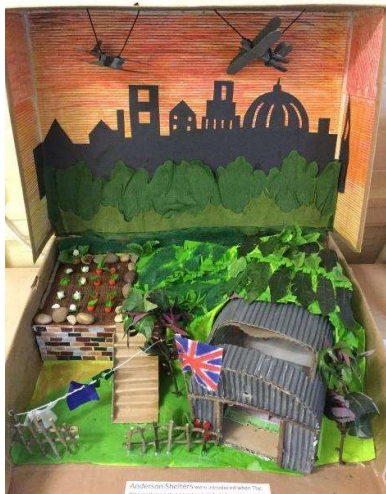


Homework Projects



History – World War 2

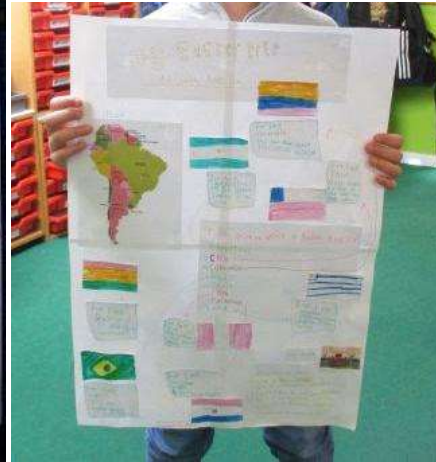
- Make an air raid shelter
- Create a poster with the key events of World War 2
- Create military transport



Geography – South America

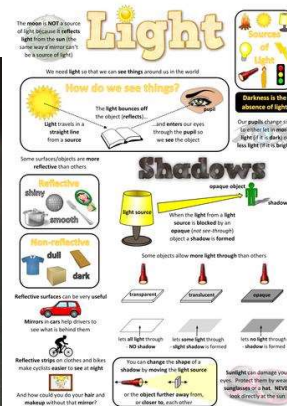
- Create a 3D model of South America

- Create a leaflet to describe South America
- Create a poster to describe elements of South America



Science- Light

- Create a periscope
- Write a poster to show how light travels



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!

- Monday 23rd February – School reopens to pupils
- Thursday 26th February – Year 6 SATs Meeting for Parents
- Thursday 5th March – World Book Day
- Monday 9th to Friday 13th March – Science week
- Tuesday 17th March – Nursery intake meeting
- Wednesday 18th March – Class photos
- Wednesday 18th March – Parents Consultation Evening 3pm – 6.30pm
- Thursday 19th March – Parents Consultation Evening 3pm – 5.30pm
- Friday 20th March – Comic/Sports Relief
- Tuesday 24th March – Year 6 trip to Bletchley Park
- Thursday 26th March – Year 5/6 Booknic
- Friday 27th March – School closes for Easter break



