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Year 6 Newsletter – Autumn 2

Welcome

Welcome back to Autumn Term 2 - we hope you have had a lovely half term break. This term we will be very busy in class with our new learning and have a fabulous trip to Hazard Alley to look forward to.

As a reminder, children should be reading at least 3 times a week at home. Reading Records are checked every Friday morning in Year 6 and pupils will only change their books if there is evidence that they have read. Pupils in Year 6 are allowed to make their own comments in their Reading Record; however, the comments should be purposeful, detailing what they have read in 2/3 short sentences.

Every Monday, your child is given a new assignment on Spelling Shed. This is to support with their weekly spellings. Children can access this through a smart device, such as a phone or a tablet. Your child's teacher will monitor weekly assignments, as this will help with identifying who may need extra support with spelling. As well as spelling, children will be set weekly challenges to complete on Times Tables Rock Stars, which will be part of your child's weekly homework. There is an expectation for up to 60 minutes to be completed on Times Tables Rockstars in a week.

If you have any questions regarding reading, Spelling Shed or Times Tables Rock Stars, please email admin@hazelleysacademy.org.

Thanks for your support – I look forward to this half term!

Miss Celebicanin

Spelling and Reading



This term, we will test our spellings on a **Tuesday** 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.

Writing

Fiction: Narrative – Character point of view
Non-fiction: Non-Chronological Report



In English this term we will be writing using our class text from last half term, Pig Heart Boy, to write a narrative from a different character's point of view. We will also be using our knowledge gained in our History lessons last half term to write a non-chronological report about animals used in WW1. Finally, we will be writing an essay based on our history topic, World War I.

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning about calculation problems and then fractions: how to find equivalent fractions; ordering and comparing fractions; simplifying fractions; adding and subtracting; multiplying and dividing fractions, as well as finding fractions of amounts. We will then move on to percentages and consolidating any maths knowledge.



Science



Our Science topic this term is 'Classification'. We will look at classifying organisms, plant and animal cells, taxonomy and classifying vertebrates and invertebrates.

Art & Design



In Art, pupils will be building on their knowledge from the previous term, focusing on the linear perspective of artwork and Michelangelo's famous sculptures. Pupils will be learning how to sculpt by carving, casting and modelling clay.

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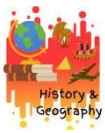
In Design and Technology, pupils will make a water wall for Reception pupils to use.
Children will research and investigate, design, make, use and evaluate their products, inviting Reception children to test out their water walls!

Geography/History



In History, pupils will be learning about the Suffragettes. In this unit, we will look democracy in the 19th century and how this led to The National Union of Women's Suffragettes, including the famous Emmeline Pankhurst.
In Geography, pupils will be learning about British Geographical Issues, such as air pollution, climate change and waste and the effects this has on our world.

Music



In Music, pupils will be exploring how a piece of music can be built around different motifs. A motif is a short musical idea. Motifs can be used to create layers of texture in music. The children learn the rhythm and pitch of four different motifs from the chorus which they clap and play on tuned percussion. They also practise reading stick and dot notation which represent the motifs.

PE



In PE, pupils will be learning Gymnastics and Tennis. Pupils will learn the skills of gymnastics, such as movements and in tennis, ball control and specific skills, such as hitting the ball using a forehand and backhand.

Please ensure your child wears sensible clothing for PE.

Please note – Year 6 will be doing PE on Monday (outdoors) and Tuesday (indoors).

PSHE



In PHSE, we will be focusing on 'Celebrating Differences'. We will be looking at understanding disabilities and power struggles, which will then feed into the question, 'Why bully?'.

RE



In RE, pupils will be looking at the enquiry question, "Do Christian celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born?"
Pupils will be explaining how different celebrations remember events which might be in the past or present.

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 every day, and for Dojo points to be awarded, reading records are checked by an adult every Friday.

Weekly homework will be given out on a **Wednesday to be handed in the following Tuesday.** Dojo points will be given for weekly homework. This includes Times Tables Rock Stars and Spelling Shed.

Homework Project



History – The Suffragettes

- Create a fact file about Emmeline Pankhurst
- Write an information text detailing what the suffragettes were and why they are famous



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Geography – British Geographical Issues

- Create a model to explain what air pollution/climate change is.







Science – Classification of Living Things

- Classification of living things 3D model



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RESPECT Each Other

RESPECT Our Environment & Community

RESPECT Yourself

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 Maja Celebicanin
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Alison Eden

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.**

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Dates for the diary!

Autumn 2

Monday 2nd November Teacher Training Day 3 - School closed for pupils



Tuesday 3rd November School reopens for pupils
Thursday 5th November Hazard Alley Trip Year 6
Friday 6th November Issue newsletter
Monday 16th to Friday 20th November Anti-bullying week
Wednesday 18th November Y2 to Y6 reading parent session
Friday 20th November Children in Need



Wednesday 2nd December KS2 Carol concert 2.30pm
Thursday 3rd December KS2 Carol concert 9.30am
Tuesday 8th December Nursery Christmas session 10.30am-11.30am
Tuesday 8th December KS1 Christmas performance 2.30pm
Wednesday 9th December KS1 Christmas performance 9.30am
Wednesday 9th December Reception Christmas performance 2.30pm
Thursday 10th December Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 10th December Nursery Intake Meeting for new children 3.30pm
Friday 18th December Class Christmas parties
Friday 18th December School closes for Christmas

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