

Hazel Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026

Welcome Back!

We have been very impressed with how well the children have come back in to school. They have set a great example to the other year classes with their super attitude!



Did you know the Hazel tree represents Wisdom and Inspiration?

We are very lucky this year to have Mrs Darlow supporting our class again. Mrs Postill will also be teaching the children on a Thursday afternoon for PPA cover.

Maths this term will see us focussing on place value and number skills. We will be using White Rose Maths to support our learning.

In English we will start by focussing on the basics of what makes a good sentence, and the accurate punctuation that needs to be included. We will then move on to writing a non-chronological report followed by a discussion piece inspired by Can we save the Tiger?

Our science topics this half term are 'Living Things and their Habitats' in Year 6 and 'Properties and Changes in Materials' in Year 5. Science learning will take in year groups as part of our Wednesday learning.

Our RE topics this half term will involve exploring the big questions "What does it mean for a Jewish person to follow God" for Year 6 and "Creation and Science: Conflicting or Complementary?" for Year 5.



In art we will explore how print and other mediums can be used to raise awareness of different issues on both a local and global scale.

In history, we will also be splitting into our year groups to learn about how historians use sources to answer questions about the Second World War in Year 6 and Ancient Greece in Year 5.



Our first class novel this half term is 'When Life Gives You Mangoes' by Kereen Getten

Our first Forest School session of this half term will be on Wednesday 16th September for both year groups. The children will need to come in to school in their normal uniform and change into their Forest School kit in school. Please remember legs and arms should be covered with long sleeves and trousers to avoid scratches, stings and insect bites. The children will also need wellies, walking boots or trainers that you don't mind getting muddy, as well as waterproofs and suitable layers.

PE will take place on a Thursday and Friday this half term. On Thursdays we will be developing our team player skills with a focus on football. On Fridays, the children in Year 5 will go swimming with Mrs Clark and Miss Miller will teach netball to the Year 6 children. (More details to follow for swimming).

Homework Expectations

This year, children will be expected to complete the following homework tasks:

**Reading (daily)*

Please encourage your child to read and record in their planners. Pupils are welcome to write this themselves. Reading diaries are required in school everyday to monitor reading. The children will also complete an activity based on the role they have been given in their guided reading session. More details about this will be shared in the guided reading homework book.

**Spellings (once per week)*

Children will bring home a list of spellings to learn. Spellings can be completed on the sheet provided. This sheet is to be kept at home.

**TTRockstars*

Regular times tables practice will increase their confidence and speed of recall. If you have any problems logging in, please let us know. Children will be tested once a week in a speed test on their target times tables

Diary Dates:

Monday 28th September - Parents Welcome Meeting.

Friday 23rd October - INSET Day

*Please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns,
Mrs Clark and Mrs Darlow*