

## Hazel Class Newsletter

### Summer Term 2023

Welcome back to our final term in Year 5. The year is flying by, but the children are growing up more by the minute! What a super bunch of children they are! We are very excited about our residential trip next week, and will look forward to sharing photographs and stories of our adventures with you afterwards.

### English

This half-term we are reading stories from other cultures, specifically a story based on traditional Chinese culture. We have begun to learn about some aspects of traditional Chinese stories. We will use the story we read in our English lessons to write our own episode, incorporating suspense and dialogue. Our non-fiction theme this term will be non-chronological reports.

Spellings are set on SpellingFrame for your child to practise their focus spellings, so please support them to do so.

### Reading

We are coming to the end of *Who Let the Gods Out?* and will soon be starting or final class reader of the year, *Wolf Brother*, by Michelle Paver. It is an exciting and fascinating adventure story set thousands of years ago, about a boy called Torak and his wolf cub companion, who go on a daring and at times dangerous journey across the ancient landscape together.



If your child has particularly enjoyed *Who Let the Gods Out?*, there are further books available in the series. The next is called *Simply the Quest*.

### Maths: Mrs Webb and Mrs Brooker

This term we will be:

- \*converting between units used for measuring mass: grams and kilograms
- \*converting between units used for measuring length: millimetres, centimetres, metres and kilometres
- \*converting between units used for measuring volume: millilitres and litres
- \*describing the positions of figures in four quadrants (using coordinates) and moving figures by translating and reflecting
- \*converting units of time and solving time word problems

It is really important that the children practise their times tables regularly on TT Rockstars or MathsFrame. Please continue to send in their maths homework books on a Thursday.

### History/Geography

We begin this term with our geography topic all about North America, learning about some of its physical and human features and the ways in which its location and biomes have an impact on its geography. We will make comparisons between the geography of North America and that of Europe.

During the second half term, in history, we will learn about Early Islamic Civilisations. We will consider how we can learn about their culture from their art and architecture, and explore their methods of travel/trade so we can make a comparison with the methods used by the Vikings.

## RE

In RE this term, we will be thinking about the important role that religion plays in some people's lives. We will focus on Islam and the belief in Allah as the one true god and in Muhammad as the Messenger of God.

## Science: Mrs Bayley

In science, the children will be learning about reversible and irreversible reactions in Chemistry, investigating mechanisms in Physics, and human development in Biology.

## Music

We have already started learning about the musical genre, the blues. The children have shown great enthusiasm, playing the 12-bar blues on the xylophones. They will use what they have learnt about the 12-bar blues, and what they will go on to learn about the blues scale, to compose their own blues pieces.

They will go on to sing and play tuned instruments, with more complicated rhythms, from music inspired by South and West Africa.

## PE: Mrs Churchill

The children will be taking part in athletics, multi-skills and gym in their PE lessons this term. We have Wellbeing Week and Sports Day to look forward to this term, as well as being able to get out on the field more, so are looking forward to an active summer term.

## DT/Art

During the first half-term, we will be studying colour and composition by looking at the art of Ben Nicholson and Wassily Kandinsky, and our final outcomes will be abstract sculptures. We hope to be able to invite you to see them once they are finished.

During the second half-term, we will be learning how bread is made, from field to plate. We will explore breads around the world and will design, make (and taste!) our own bread.



## French

This term, we will be learning to say when our birthday is, as well as talk about the weather.

## PSHE

During the first half-term, our theme is 'rights and respect', and we will be exploring our rights and the associated responsibilities. We will also examine how we can distinguish between fact and opinion, and the importance of thinking critically about what we read.

During the second half-term, our theme is 'being my best,' when we will explore how we can make the most of our responsibilities and what we value in ourselves and others.

I would like to thank you all for your support. Please do feel free to contact me if you have anything you wish to discuss during the term.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Whiffin