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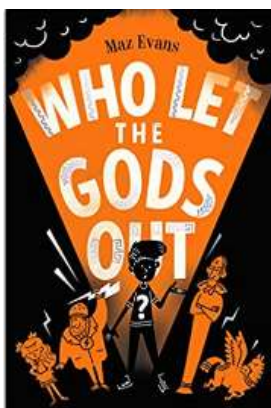
Dear Parents and Carers of Hazel Class,

Welcome back for the new year; I hope that you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas holiday. Thank you for the lovely cards, gifts, and well wishes that I received before we broke up. It was a busy and fun-packed end to last term, and I'm sure the children were well ready for a break. They had a fantastic first term in Year 5 and continue to impress me with their positive attitudes to learning and enthusiasm for academic development. I am very much looking forward to the coming term with them.

English

This half-term we are going to be reading and performing a range of poems and creating our own. Our non-fiction theme will be persuasive writing centred around caring for our planet.

After half-term we will be reading some stories and extracts from the well-known children's writer, Jeremy Strong. He has written a wide range of humorous books, and the children would benefit from reading or sharing some of these at home - many of which can be found in our school library. They will be having a go at writing in his style, so the more they read, the better! Additionally, we'll explore biographies and autobiographies, before writing one of our own.



Our class reader for this term is the hilarious 'Who Let the Gods Out' by Maz Evans. This is the first in a series and will build on the children's interest in Greek gods, goddesses, and myths that they demonstrated when we learnt about Pandora's box last term. If you would like a recommendation for home reading that will go well alongside our class reading, the 'Percy

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Jackson' series is an excellent adventure series that also features a range of Greek gods and goddesses.

Reading Plus

Year 5 are currently starting the Reading Plus program to develop their reading ability. This unique and exciting opportunity is already being enjoyed by the children. Reading Plus helps to develop the skills they need to be proficient readers and lifelong learners. Through daily Reading Plus practice, reading will become easier, comprehension will increase, and the children will make meaningful connections between reading and learning. To learn more about Reading Plus, visit www.readingplus.com.

Maths

This term we will be:

- Practising the formal multiplication method.
- Learning the formal method for division.
- Consolidating our understanding of fractions from the Autumn Term and learning how to multiply fractions and find fractions of amounts.
- Learning about angles: recognising/naming angles, measuring angles with a protractor, calculating angles on straight lines and around a point.
- Revising statistics, including line graphs, tables, and timetables.

We have been engaging in daily times table practice in school, which has been helping to improve their confidence, speed, and accuracy. In addition, it is important that the children continue to practise their times tables regularly on TT Rockstars.

There will be a maths parent workshop on Wednesday 7th February from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. This is a fantastic chance for you to practically see how the children are learning maths in school, so you can support them at home.

Science

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Children will continue to be taught science by Mrs Bayley. They will be learning about life processes of animals and plants in biology, changing materials in chemistry, and forces in physics.

History/Geography

In history this half-term, we will be exploring the Victorians and examining the differences between the lives of the poor and the rich, as well as thinking about how and why cities changed during the Victorian era.



In geography next half-term, we will be learning about South America, focusing on biomes, agriculture, land use and migration issues.

PE

Children will be taking part in a variety of team sports on Tuesdays with Mrs Churchill, Mr Bailey, and me. They will also continue to be with Mr Bailey on Wednesdays. There will also be some sports fixtures taking place during the term: children will receive a letter when they are invited to take part in these. All of Year 5 will be participating in one sport fixture this term, which I am really looking forward to.

RE

Our RE focus is on Judaism and learning about some practices and lifestyles associated with its beliefs.

French

We began learning clothes and colours vocabulary in French and we will be putting these together to describe outfits. We will also learn how to give simple opinions in French.

Art/DT

In art we are going to be closely examine different fruit and draw them, focusing on the textures observed on the inside. Afterward, the children will work with clay to produce pots inspired by the fruit that fascinates them the most.



In DT, we will be learning about pulleys and gears and using them in our own design and build.

Music

Our music this term is based around music theatre, we will learn about the key features, and analyse several performances. The children will then create a scene from a musical inspired by a journey.

PSHE

During this half-term, we will be thinking about keeping safe, exploring ways to navigate risky situations. During the second half-term, we will be learning about rights and respect. We will explore rights and related responsibilities, providing real examples that relate to their own lives.

Homework

Reading: We are continuing to use Accelerated Reader to help inform us of children's reading interests, strengths, and needs. Children can quiz in school once they have read their whole book and understand it. They should aim to read at least five times a week at home and record this in their reading record. Reading records will still be checked on Mondays, but please send them in every day so that we can record and inform you when an adult in school has read with them.

Spellings: The children should continue to practise on SpellingFrame every week. Here is a reminder of the website link <https://spellingframe.co.uk>. It would be fantastic to see more of

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their spelling books brought in each Thursday so I can see their hard work and progress.

Maths: I have been impressed with the children taking responsibility to bring in their maths book each week. Please keep this up!

Residential Trip in April

There will be an information meeting on Wednesday 21st February at 3.45pm and a further one at 5.30pm. Please come along to one of them if your child is coming on the trip or let me know if you are unable to attend.

Thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning.

Miss Turner