

Early Year Unit: Reception Newsletter – Autumn 2

Welcome

We have had a great start to our year! We learnt so much and we loved being able to share that with you all. Thank you so much for all your support this past term, especially your engagement with our phonics morning.

Miss Wareing

Autumn 2 Focus

This term's learning will be focused around "A Monster Celebration" The children will be learning about colourful celebrations this term, such as bonfire night, Diwali and Christmas.

We will also be looking at the 'Colour Monster' stories to explore different emotions and how they can be expressed.



Phonics

We are continuing with the *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* scheme. Your child will continue to come home with a phonics book which will be updated with a practice sheet every time they learn a new sound. Please visit our school website to get up-to-date information about phonics at Hazel Leys.

Phonics



<https://www.hazelleysacademy.org/page/?title=Phonics&pid=219>

We will be learning the next set of phonics sounds along with recapping the one we have looked at so far to support us with our segmenting and blending. We hope that you learnt a lot about phonics last term but please speak to staff if you have any questions.

Literacy - Writing

During this term we will be encouraging children to listen for initial, middle and end sounds in words in preparation for sentence writing.



We will also continue to develop name writing through the use of sensory trays and outdoor make making opportunities.

Our written work will be linked to the wide range of books that we share as a class, such as 'Diva Lamp', 'Colour Monster' and 'The Christmas Story'.

Literacy - Reading

Your child will continue to take part in 3 reading lessons a week where they will learn how to decode word, read with prosody and develop their comprehension. Please read the book repeatedly to help your child develop their confidence and fluency. Don't forget to write in their reading records to let us know when they have been reading at home.



Your child will still choose a 'Reading for Pleasure' book to take home at the end of each week. This is a book to be shared with the adults at home. There is no expectation that they can read this book independently.

Maths

This term we are continuing to look at how numbers are represented. We will also be including counting strategies to every lesson along with looking at shape, space, measure, addition and subtraction.



The children will use lots of hands on resources to support with their maths work.

Communication and Language

To support your child with their language this term, we are continuing to send a new nursery rhyme/poem at the end of the week.



We will also be using our Christmas play as a way to improve our communication and language skills.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term, we will be exploring our emotions in more detail by using 'The Colour Monster' stories. We will look at how different emotions are expressed, how colour can be used to show emotion and how we can express our emotions safely.



Physical Development

To continue to strengthen our gross and fine motor skills we have dough disco, Squiggle while you Wiggle and Get Squiggling sessions to strengthen body control, hand grip and pencil control.



Our **PE lessons** will be on **Wednesday**. Children are to attend school in their PE kit.

Children need to have an Academy PE t-shirt, shorts or jogging bottoms/leggings depending on the weather and an Academy Jumper. All children must be wearing trainers. Please also ensure they do not wear any jewellery and that long hair is tied back.

Understanding the World

This term we will be exploring different celebrations from around the world. We will start by learning about bonfire night and fire safety. Then we will explore the colour celebration of Diwali, looking at the food is eaten, why it is celebrate and how it is celebrated. We will finish off this term by learning the Christmas story which will support with our Christmas play performance.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be making lots of colour art work this term, from Rangoli pattern, Firework pictures, Remembrance Day poppies, and lots of Christmas art! We will also be able to decorate the classroom at the start of December to enjoy the festive season.



This term we will have a range of role play opportunities for the children to explore such as; a bonfire, a Christmas shop, a wrapping station and a tree decorating area.

Helping your child learn at home

- Daily reading using your child's school reading book and 'Reading for Pleasure' book.
- Phonics practice using your child's phonics book.
- Encourage your child to dress and zip up their coat independently.



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.



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 Wareing

Teaching Assistants: Miss Stocker and Miss Coupland



As the weather is getting wetter, please could all children bring in a pair of named wellington boots that can be kept at school. We will be providing all in one suits but please could you also send your child in a coat that you do not mind getting muddy.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts and to make it a healthy selection of food.

Please could we ask that your child does not bring any toys into school, including keeping them in their bags. We have lots of different resources in school that your child can play with during the day so they do not need to risk breaking or losing their toys from home.

Thank you for your support with this.

Dates for the diary!

Monday 31st October – Teaching training day

Tuesday 1st November -**All** children to return to school

Tuesday 14th November – Odd Socks Day

18th November – Children in Need Mufti Day

Thursday 8th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 8th December- Reception Christmas Performance (2:30pm)

Thursday 15th December – Class Christmas Party

Friday 16th December – School finishes for Christmas.

