

Year 1 Newsletter – Summer 1 2023

Welcome back

Welcome back to Jeffers class! I hope your children had a restful half term.

I firmly believe that home and school communication is vital to your child's education and emotional well-being, so please feel free to talk with me after school, or for a longer appointment, please contact the school office at admin@hazelleysacademy.org.

I have put together some information that I thought would be useful for you to enable you to support your child's education this term.

Phonics and Reading

Phonics

**ALL PARENTS ARE INVITED TO READ WITH THEIR CHILD IN Y1 EVERY THURSDAY
8.30AM-8.50AM.**

For information about how we teach phonics and reading this year and support on how to help your child read at home, please visit:

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

1. Your child will continue to receive two types of book:
 - a fully decodable **e-book and a paperback book**, that closely matches the phonemes (sounds) that have recently been taught in school, if your child is still receiving phonics teaching. They will have read this book three times in school prior to the book being allocated
 - a 'reading for pleasure' book to promote a love for reading

Please hear your child read at least three times per week at home. Children who read regularly at home, as well as at school, make the most progress.

2. If your child no longer receives phonics teaching, they will still be allocated an e book from the Big Cat Collins e library, as well as a paper copy of the book. They will read on either purple, white, gold or lime band. After 3 reads, your child may change their book.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH THEIR READING BOOK EVERY DAY

Recommended reads:



Writing

Children will continue to revise saying a sentence before writing it down and writing sentences using correct punctuation.



They will also learn how to write:

- Stories with familiar settings
- Poems and calligrams
- Poetry on a theme.
- Setting descriptions

The enhance your child's reading skills we will also be looking and building our skills with the following texts:

- Stickman, The Gruffalo & Superworm by Julia Donaldson
- Owl Babies by Martin Waddell
- The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson
- The Busy Tree by Jennifer Ward

Maths

This term, your child will be learning Place Value to 50, Length and Height and Mass and Volume.



Through the White Rose Scheme, your child will be learning about:

- Partitioning
- Using a number line
- 1 more 1 less
- Measuring length in centimetres
- Compare mass
- Compare and measure capacity.

Science

Teaching unit: Plant Detectives



During this module children will be introduced to a wide variety of plants, including trees, which are to be found within their environment at school. Some questions we will cover are. What garden plants can we find around our school? What is the same and different about the flowers around us? What is happening underground beneath our plants? What makes a tree a tree?

Computing

Teaching unit: Coding



The children will learn to:

- Use code to make a computer program.
- Create a simple program using code blocks.
- Understand how to use the scale attribute (property).
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Your child will learn to:

- Describe fruits and vegetables and explain why they are a fruit or a vegetable.
- Name a range of places that fruits and vegetables grow.
- Describe basic characteristics of fruit and vegetables.
- Prepare fruits and vegetables to make a smoothie.
- Make their own smoothie.

Geography

This term's unit is: Woodlands



This term focuses on the weather and seasonal changes in the UK as shown by the changes in the woodland. This will allow the children to see that there are physical changes that happen in the natural world as a result of temperature and hours of daylight.

The children will answer questions such as:

- Which tree can I think of as my tree?
- What's up there?
- How do humans impact woodland?
- What lives in our woods?

Music

Teaching unit: Your Imagination



Genre: Pop

The children will learn about: instruments used in Pop. They will also have a chance to listen to multiple songs and learn how to appraise these songs by answering questions about what instruments they heard and how the song is structured.

They will also have the chance to learn and perform this term's song which is called "Your Imagination"

PE

PE will still be taking place on Wednesday and Thursday outdoors and indoors, so please remember to send your child to school dressed in PE kit on those days. Children may stay in PE kit all day. Long hair to be tied up and **no jewellery please**. Thank you.



Topics taught this term:

- Ball Skills
- Athletics

PSHE



Teaching Unit: Relationships

Your child will learn understanding different types of relationships. These will be covered in these separate lessons:

- Families
- Making Friends
- Greetings
- People Who Help Us
- Being My Own Best Friend
- Celebrating My Special Relationships

RE



Teaching Theme: Judaism – Shabbat

Key Question: Is Shabbat important to Jewish children?

RE teaching is a 4-step process involving: engagement, investigation, evaluation, and expression.

Enrichment

Workshop to be confirmed.



Homework Project



At the end of every term, a selection of homework projects will be sent home for your child to complete. They may select any of the projects set. Projects will be linked to the learning that will take place in the following term. 5 dojos will be presented on completion of a project.

For **5 dojos** choose one of the following-

Make a model/statue/picture/painting of your favourite character from your favourite book. (For example – Harry Potter)

Create your own book cover.

Weekly homework will be sent home every Friday and should be returned to school the following Wednesday at the latest. Again, dojos will be given as a reward for completing homework.

Weekly homework:

- Read school reading book at least x3 weekly. Please record that your child has read in their reading record, as we collate and record all reads every Friday and award Dojo points.
READING BOOKS MUST BE SENT IN TO SCHOOL DAILY IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD TO COMPLETE THEIR DAILY READING PRACTICE.
- Spellings - linked to phonics or spelling pattern taught during the week.

ALL USERNAMES AND PASSWORDS WILL BE STUCK INTO THE FRONT INSIDE COVER OF YOUR CHILD'S HOMEWORK BOOK.



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



Collins Big Cat e books

All reading to take place here, three times per week. **Dojos** for pupils who access this website.



If you are unable to access these learning websites, please see the class teacher for support.

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: Mr. Fortune

Teaching Assistants: Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Windsor

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day to support learning. Please send your child to school every day with a warm, waterproof coat. Also, please send hats, gloves, and scarves on particularly cold days. Thank you.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts as we have pupils in school with severe nut allergies.

Dates for the diary!



- Monday 17th April — School reopens to pupils
- Friday 21st April — Earth Day
- Monday 1st May — Bank Holiday
- Friday 5th May — World Laughter Day
- Monday 8th May — Kings Coronation Bank Holiday
- *Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May- SATs Week -Year 6*
- *May 2023- KS1 SATs – Year 2*
- Wednesday 10th May — Bike to school day
- W/B 17th May Bike to school week
- W/B 20th May — Walk to school week
- Thursday 25th May — School closes to pupils for Half Term
- Friday 26th May — National Biscuit Day
- Friday 26th May — Teacher Training Day