

Hazel Class Newsletter Autumn Term 1

Hello and welcome to Hazel Class.

This newsletter will tell you all about what will be happening in Hazel Class this half term.

Our learning this half term

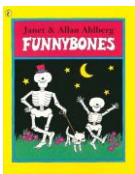
In English this half term, we are looking at the story "Meerkat Mail" and writing postcards for when the Meerkat comes to Mundford!



In Maths, we are looking at understanding and representing numbers in different ways, finding one more and one less than a number and ordering numbers.

Our theme for this term is "Impact". We are going to be looking at how we are all different and how our words can impact how people feel.

We will be looking at the human body in Science and will be seeing what body parts we can label. We will use the book "Funnybones" and make some skeleton pictures. We will then learn about the 5 senses and have lots of fun exploring how they help us find out about the world.



In Geography, we are thinking about where we live. We will go for a walk around Mundford, looking out for the human and physical features. We will then compare this to Kenya to see the similarities and differences.

We are learning about how to draw self-portraits in Art and will be drawing and painting our own self-portraits.

We are thinking about what healthy foods are in DT and will be tasting different fruits. We will describe how the fruit feels and tastes, and then turn our ideas into a poem. We will finish our DT lessons by making fruit kebabs.

Reading

Reading at home is incredibly important and will help your child to progress in many areas of the curriculum. Reading books will be changed at least twice a week. If your child has finished their book, please use Bug Club to continue reading at home until the book is changed. The Children will be using Bug Club when they read with adults at school and new books will be added when necessary. Log in details were sent out before summer. Please let me know if you need them again.

Muddy Moments

The school is having a focus on outdoor learning this year and we plan on taking many of our lessons outside for what we are calling "Muddy Moments". Children will be using the natural resources in the school grounds to learn in all areas of the curriculum. We have already had some "Muddy Moments" where the children have been outside for their Maths and English lessons.

Homework

We will have 3 main focuses for homework this half term.

- Reading- We encourage you to hear your child read daily if you can. Regular reading will help your child to remember the tricky words and new phonemes that they have been learning.
- Phonics- Phonics is an important area of learning in year 1. There is a fantastic website called PhonicsPlay that has some free games for the children to play at home. It would be great if your child could play one of the games every week to support their phonics skills. If your child cannot remember the sounds they are learning, then please send an email and I can let you know which ones to focus on.
- Maths- Numbots is a website where children can practise their maths skills while playing a game. Children could play the game at home to help with their maths. I will send out their log in details this week, in case you have misplaced them.

PE

Our PE days are Monday and Friday. Children are to come into school in their PE kits on those days. Please can you ensure that your child has a pair of outdoor trainers in school for PE and break times. These will be kept in school and children can come into school each day in their school shoes, including on PE days.

Paths Pupil

This year we will continue to have a Paths Pupil of the Day. This child will be the leader in our lines and will get compliments from the adults and children in the class. Your child will bring their compliments sheet home at the end of the day.

This year, children are able to bring things in for show and tell. Therefore, when your child is selected as Paths Pupil, they can choose one thing from home to bring it and show to the rest of the class if they would like to. Please do not send show and tell in on days when they are not Paths Pupil.

Hazel bear

We have a class teddy bear called Hazel Bear. Hazel Bear likes to visit the homes of all the children in the class. The children will take it in turns to bring home Hazel Bear. Keep it at your home for a few days and see what fun you can have! When you have finished your adventures with Hazel Bear, you can help your child to write a few sentences in its special book about what you have done. You could take some pictures of what you get up to and stick them in with your writing. When Hazel Bear is brought back to school, your child will have the chance to share their sentences and pictures with the rest of the children in the class.

Hazel Bear's first adventure will begin on Thursday when we will select which child will take it home first!