



Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

Autumn Term 1

Fire, Fire!



Dear Hazel Class Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely summer and are looking forward to a very exciting term ahead! Please find attached a copy of this term's topic web. This gives an outline of the teaching and learning experiences for this term.

The children will be returning to school and adapting to new teachers, a new learning environment, teaching style and expectations. We will be supporting the children with their transition into Key Stage 1, guiding them to become increasingly independent as the year progresses.

Topic:

Our topic in Term 1 will be based on the Great Fire of London. We will focus upon the book "Naughty Bus". We have just had a visit from the Naughty Bus in Hazel where it has caused some trouble, but thanks to some good detective work we have sorted it out now! This topic is history based and we will look at the effects of the Great Fire of London on the city and how it started. We also hope to have a visit from our local Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service, to learn more about The Great Fire of London and fire safety.

Home Learning:

Reading:

This year, Hazel Class will continue with the same reading scheme as in Acorns. The children will be reading in a group up to three times a week and then that book will be sent home for them to read to their families. The book will only contain phonics with which they are secure and they should be able to read the book with fluency. These books must be looked after as, if we lose just one book, the whole set becomes unusable. We would appreciate it if you could leave the book in your child's book bag and only take it out for your child to read before putting it back in the book bag. Can we also ask that you don't put water

bottles into book bags. They will also take home a "sharing book" which is a book for parents to read to their children. The children can change this sharing book when they are ready.

As in *Acorns*, we will continue to use a reading record to communicate details of your child's engagement with their reading and any challenges or successes you would like to let us know about.

We will also continue to use SeeSaw as a means of communication between home and school. You should receive details to log in to Hazel Class account soon. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are having any difficulty logging in to the class account.

Spellings:

The children will be set spellings each week and will be tested in school every **Friday**. The spellings will then be marked and given out with new spellings ready for the following week. Your child should receive their new spellings book this week and their first test will be on Friday 19th September. Children are encouraged to practise their spellings at home in the front of their spelling books with their parent's support. We have included some ideas at the front of their books to help you. Spelling tests will be recorded in the back of spelling books.

Phonics:

In June of Year 1, all children must take part in a Phonics Screening Check. This is to monitor children's phonetic and reading ability. We will provide more information on this check later in the year. We will hold an information session for parents on the Phonics Screening Check before Christmas.

Each week we will put a summary of your child's phonics learning from the previous week so that you can practise and recap their learning in school.

Year 1 Common Exception Words:

The National Curriculum for Year 1 specifies 45 words the children need to learn to read and spell. These words are called 'common exception words'. In order to make this more manageable, we have divided the words into 6 groups. We have made a bookmark for each term, containing that Term's words, which can be kept in your child's book bag. We would very much appreciate your support in helping your child to learn to read and spell these words. You will find the bookmark for Autumn 1 and 2 in your child's book bag when their reading books are given out.

Nippy Numbers:

Nippy Numbers home learning will continue with the same routine as in EYFS. We will begin Nippy Numbers at the end of term 1 this year. Nippy Numbers aims to increase the speed at which the children can recall number facts to aid their calculation and problem solving skills in lessons. We have stuck the number bonds into a book your child will need to learn. Please do not write anything in the book. The book is a means of communication between school and home so you know how your child is getting on in their weekly 'test'. You do not need to write anything down and can complete this home learning completely orally. Matching games are also a good way of helping children to remember the facts. The aim is for your child to know the facts without needing to use their fingers to work them out. We shall be approaching the test in a friendly way. We will tell the children they will do a weekly 'nippy number quiz' and they will be encouraged to answer as many questions as they can in one minute. Your child will be moved onto the next stage in our number bond system if they score 10/10 for two weeks or 9/10 for three weeks. Tests will take place on a Wednesday.

PE:

As noted in the recent parent mail, PE days are Monday and Thursday in Hazel Class this year. On PE days, the children will be expected to arrive into school and go home from school in appropriate seasonal PE clothes, including trainers for the Golden mile. PE kit consists of: trainers, green jogging bottoms, white school T-shirt and green shorts. If your child wears earrings, these will need to be either removed for P.E. days or medical tape can be kept in their P.E. bag for your child to cover them up (the children will be responsible for applying and removing the tape). Any child with long hair must always have it tied back.

Values:

In Term 1 we will be learning about Generosity.

Giving something we value to someone else

Encouraging the best in each other

Never selfish

Enjoying helping
others

Raising support for a good cause

Offering what we can

Sharing our time and talents

Inviting someone to join in

Taking care of God's creation for future generations

You first, me last.

Hazel Class Value assembly will be on Thursday 16th October and we look forward to welcoming you to the school to share our learning about Generosity with you!

Finally, we would like to ask if anyone is interested in coming into Hazel Class as a parent volunteer. There are lots of opportunities to help in KS1 and we really appreciate any support you can give us- even for an hour! If you are interested, please could you let the school office know and we can begin the registration process.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the school or a member of the Hazel Class team.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Jones and Mrs Fabian