



# Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

## Spring Term 1

Growing  
Green



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Hazel Class Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and are as excited as us about the coming spring terms. We also hope you have had a chance to rest and recharge your batteries ready for our next exciting term! We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all our lovely Christmas presents. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Please find attached a copy of this term's topic web. This gives an outline of the teaching and learning experiences for this term as well as some activities for the children to develop their knowledge and skills further at home.

### Topic:

For Term 3 our topic is called "Growing Green". This is a Science based topic and we will be observing trees, how they grow and we will learn to name their different parts. We will investigate how to plant beans and what they need to grow. We have tied this focus on Growing Green with our Traditional Tales unit in English. We will be learning about different Fairytales with a focus on Jack and the Beanstalk. If your child has a favourite fairytale book to share with the class that we would love if they could bring it in to show us. We are also looking forward to experimenting with leaf printing using templates in Art.

### Home Learning:

### Reading:

We will continue to change reading books on a **Friday** this term. We would encourage you to continue to support your child's reading progress by reading with them most school nights. Please keep your child's reading book in their book bag and bring into school every day. In class, children will read with a member of staff at least twice a week in a group. They should be nearly fluent by the time the book is taken home to read.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Phonics Screening open session last term and we really appreciate your support with helping your child with their phonics at home. We will continue to provide the home learning sheet to help you to support your child at home with this. As an extra support, there are some games that we play in school on the following website <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

If you click on the resources page, the games Buried Treasure, Picnic on Pluto and Dragons Den are good games for the children to practise reading real and fake (Alien) words. Thank you for your support with this.

### Spellings:

Spelling tests will still be on a **Friday** with new spellings given out on a **Friday** or **Monday**. Our first spelling test will be on **Friday 16th January**.

### PE:

In addition to the 'Golden Mile', the children will have P.E. on **Mondays and Thursdays**. Please make sure your child comes into school in their PE kit on these days. The children will be outside for some of their P.E. lessons so jogging bottoms will be preferable. Any child with long hair must always have their hair tied back for safety and hygiene reasons.

### Values:

In Spring Term 1 we will be learning all about 'Courage'. These are the focus aspects of this value:

- Carrying on when things are difficult
- Overcoming fear
- Understanding and facing a challenge
- Risking being out of your comfort zone
- Always believing in God's promises
- Going for a goal
- Empowered by encouragement

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the office and we will get back to you.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Mrs Jones, Mrs Fabian, Mrs Titchener, Mrs Smith, Mrs Chivers and Mrs Hawkins