



Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

Spring Term 1

Friday 10th January 2025

*Amazing
Animals*



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 of 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:

Over the course of term 3, our topic will be called Amazing Animals. We have linked this Science topic with our English book "Handa's Surprise" and will write a non-chronological report about an African animal. We look forward to designing and making our own healthy fresh fruit salad using as many of the fruits from Handa's Surprise as are available to us to use! As a link to our DT project in History, we will learn about the life of Giuseppe Arcimboldo who used fruit as a medium for producing portraits and comparing his life to that of Picasso from Spain.

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 continue to be on a **Friday** with new spellings given out on a **Friday** or **Monday**. Our first spelling test will be on **Monday 13th January** as the children will receive their new spellings on Wednesday 8th. The children will be given a new spelling book with ideas for practising spellings inside the cover. They will be expected to use some of these ideas to practise their spellings and to put some of their spellings into sentences.

Nippy Numbers:

We are very proud of the children's progress so far with Nippy Numbers and we would like to thank you for your support with this. We will continue to test the children on a Wednesday. The aim of Nippy Numbers is to increase fluency at home so your child can calculate their number bonds without counting on their fingers. Children have one minute to answer all ten questions to prove that these facts are embedded.

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 'Perseverance'. These are the focus aspects of this value:

Pressing on

Eager to continue

Running the race

Sticking with things

Encouraging each other to keep going

Valuing the support of others

Eyes fixed on the target

Reaching a goal over time

Aiming to complete the task

Not giving up

Commitment to keep going

Ending up where you want to be.

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 Kinnersley, Miss Traynor and Miss Grieve