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Hazel Autumn Term 2018 newsletter

Welcome back after a lovely summer. This term our overarching theme is 'All Aboard'. Our history focus is about local industry through time and so we will be looking at how the sail-cloth industry was developed and how important it was to the whole country. Linked to this, we are bringing the sea-faring theme in to many other aspects of our curriculum. Autumn is also the time for Harvest festival and eventually, Christmas! We will visit these aspects during our RE lessons and Collective Worship times as well as preparing for our services. Year 2 will be involved in all English and Maths sessions in Hazel Class whilst working in Catkins Class to follow the Key Stage 1 curriculum for 'foundation' subjects.

Curriculum areas of study for this half term:

English (including Y2)	Text focus: Mungo and the Picture Pirates – Adventures stories and Non-Chronological reports Shackleton's Journey – 1 st Person recounts and explanation texts Oliver and the Seawigs – Focus on character and setting description
	Each Year group will focus on specific spelling, vocabulary, punctuation and grammar skills applicable to their age expectations. They will have a daily reading comprehension skills session as well as handwriting practice.
Maths (including Y2)	Main focus will be on reasoning on place value and understanding the number system. Key skills will include recapping and consolidating skills from previous year group such as addition and subtraction facts as well as moving on with times tables knowledge and other mental calculation strategies.
Science	Forces and Magnets – studies will lead on to investigating materials and forces for boats.
RE	Harvest Christmas Main study unit: Why do religious books and teachings matter? – focus on Judaism, Christianity and Islam.
Computing	Online safety Coding using Scratch Jr (free app on tablets devices) Presenting using 'comic book' format on iPads Understanding how email works Basic Skills
History	Focus on an aspect of local history through time – sail-cloth.
DT	Designing, making and evaluating model boats.
Music	Ukuleles Singing
PE	Multiskills (outdoors and indoors) Gymnastics

SCARF (PSHE)	How to keep healthy and safe. Friendships and kindness. Managing feelings.
Art	Seascapes Sketching/observation drawing

Homework will be sent home weekly on a Monday to be due back the following Monday. It will consist of spelling practice; some maths and sometimes a link to our topic work. Reading books can be changed independently by the children on arrival into school between 8:45-9:00 but if the children forget, please do feel free to pop in and do this after school. Please encourage your child to read at least 4 times per week at home and record it in their home/school record book with a signature from an adult at home. They will be rewarded with house-points for this and can gain multiple house-points if they read more than the minimum! For free readers, they may well read to themselves at times but a discussion about their book with another family member and an understanding of their reading is encouraged.

PE will take place every Wednesday and it is important that children have their kit ready in school for this. We will begin Forest School sessions later in the term with Mr Wood taking the lead after being specifically trained in this area with the generous help of our Friends. Please drop in some named wellies that can be kept at school.

We are hoping to have a Federation day with our friends at Merriott in October as well as a possible educational visit linked to our history topic. Please watch this space as arrangements are currently in process and dates waiting to be confirmed.

Harvest Festival is booked in at the church for Thursday 11th October for a 9:15am start. Our Christmas play is booked in for Tuesday 18th December at both 2pm and 6pm.

Finally, as a Federation we will have a focus on Black History Month in October and will be exploring some of the aspects of this topic.

As always, I am very happy to chat to anybody at the end of the day so please do come and see me if you have any concerns or questions so that we can help to sort any issues promptly. If I'm not available, please do catch Mrs Copping or Mrs Wade who will pass on your comments.

I look forward to welcoming you to a short **meeting after school in Hazel class on Thursday 13th September** where I will be able to talk to you about the class routines and some aspects of the learning and skills your children will be working towards this year.

I'm sure you can see that we have another busy term ahead and we all look forward to seeing our lovely children grow in confidence with all their learning.

Yours Sincerely

Lois Bowery

