

This half term seems to have flown by! We're nearing the end of our time as Hazel class and I'd like to reinforce to you all how proud I am of the children with how well they have come together as a mixed class and supported each other. They have been a pleasure to teach and Miss Eddershaw and I have loved working with them this year. I apologise for how many requests you might have had over the last 2 weeks for a visit to Meadowhall. They have loved our class text 'Meet me by the Steelmen' and may be asking to go and see them! Their writing has been fantastic so it has been well worth it.

Dates to be aware of for the upcoming half term:

- 12th June 9am - My Happy Mind Coffee Morning
- 18th June 2.15pm - Picture This Open Classroom (join us for some creativity!)
- 26th June 2-4pm - School Summer Fair
- 5th July 1.30pm - KS2 Sports Day
- 13th July - Harthill Carnival (watch this space for information about our float this year!)

## Important Information

Day	Timings of day	
Monday	8.45am – 3.15pm	Mrs Bothma – all day
Tuesday	8.45am – 3.15pm	Mrs Bothma – morning, Miss Eddershaw - afternoon PE day (come to school in PE kit)
Wednesday	8.45am – 3.15pm	Miss Eddershaw – all day
Thursday	8.45am – 3.15pm	Mrs Bothma – all day
Friday	8.45am – 3.15pm	Mrs Bothma – all day PE day (come to school in PE kit)

## Expectations

### Home Learning

Using their learning logs, all children should be:

- Practicing reading at least 4 times a week using their whole class reading extracts.
- Reading their library book, sharing stories and facts at home and developing their love of books with your help.
- Practicing spelling their statutory spellings and zero tolerance words. We do not have spelling tests but we do teach spelling and focus on children applying these in their writing, which is how we assess their spelling. Reinforcement of their year group words will help your child make progress with this.
- Access Times Tables Rockstars 3 times a week and practice their tables at home.
- Access Bedrock once a week at home, to consolidate what they have been doing in school.

**Spelling** - There is an expectation for children to be practicing the spellings from their learning logs at home. We now focus this more specifically and ask you to work on the following 20 spellings (approx. 3 per week), ready for a half termly assessment. The following spellings will be tested on our return to school on 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

library	material	medicine	mention	minute
natural	naughty	notice	occasion	occasionally
often	opposite	ordinary	particular	peculiar
perhaps	popular	position	possess	possession

The spellings for next half term are:

possible	potatoes	pressure	probably	promise
purpose	quarter	question	recent	regular
reign	remember	sentence	separate	special
straight	strange	strength	suppose	surprise

These will be tested in the last week in Hazel class on 8<sup>th</sup> July. They can of course practice as many spellings as they want in addition to this from their learning log.

If your child has spellings on a SEN support plan, they need to practice these but as part of our ambitious curriculum, we would also like them to access the class spellings too. Thank you.

**Fluency Facts** – I recently sent out the fluency facts for the Autumn and Spring term and have included the facts for Summer below. Fact Fluency is of the utmost importance at Harthill Primary School therefore we have streamlined our number facts so that children are learning no more than 4 facts for 3. Supporting your child at home at the correct time would be most beneficial.

Y3	Summer				Y4	Summer			
<i>Weeks</i>	28-30	31-33	34-37	38-39	<i>Weeks</i>	28-30	31-33	34-37	38-39
<i>Facts</i>	4 x 8 5 x 8 6 x 8	7 x 8 8 x 8 9 x 8	10 x 8 11 x 8 12 x 8	Re-visit gaps	<i>Facts</i>	All 11s and re-visit any gaps in prep for MTC	Revise whole-class, group and individual gaps and assess individuals		
	Plus corresponding division facts					Plus corresponding division facts			

The multiplication check will be carried out for between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> June for the Year 4 children to assess their times tables knowledge. Please see the attached information leaflet about this.

**PE** – This half term, our PE sessions are on a Tuesday and a Friday. Please note that PE uniform is a plain white t-shirt, black or navy shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms, black or navy sweatshirt/fleece and trainers. Coloured clothing must not be worn. Spare PE uniform is available in school if children come in incorrect clothing.

**Communication** – Feel free to catch me at any point on the playground in the morning if there is anything you'd like to chat about. However, I appreciate this is a busy time and some discussions may need to be private. If you'd rather, call or email the office and I will give you a ring back at a suitable time. Don't ever feel as if this is a problem – I am very happy to do this!

### Ways to Help your Child

Please also make sure the children are reading their Whole Class Read text as well as their reading for pleasure book and log both of these in their learning log each week. This text is their challenging age-appropriate reading which has replaced colour-banded books. We performance read and answer questions about this text throughout a week. Please also make sure your child brings this to school each day as we use the same text at school as you read at home.

## What we will be learning this term

<p><b>English</b> <b>Our class text-</b> The girl who stole an Elephant</p> <p><b>Additional texts:</b> Stig of the Dump, Magician's Nephew</p>	<p><b>Maths Concepts covered-</b> Year 3 and Year 4 will all study Time, Shape and Statistics for the remainder of the Summer term.</p> <p><b>Time tables to practise-</b> The Year 3 children are focussing on the 8 times table this half term and the Year 4 children are consolidating all their times tables. As a reminder, the Year 3 children should be confident with 2s, 5s, 10s, 3s, 4s and 6s and Year 4 children should be confident with all the times tables to 12x12. Please keep practising these at home to support their fluency.</p>
<p><b>Other Curricular areas:</b> Last half term our History focused on power within the Ancient Greeks and this half term we are comparing this to power within the Roman Empire. In Geography we are continuing our learning about landmarks by widening this to European landmarks. In Science we are moving on to plants and focusing on the functions of the parts of flowering plants as well as seed dispersal. In PSHE we will be learning about 'Changing Me' but please see the information below about the PSHE for the following half term as there are aspects within the Year 4 content that parents can withdraw their child from. These PSHE sessions will be split and the Year 3s and Year 4s will be taught the appropriate content separately.</p>	

### **PSHE (Summer 2) –**

As part of our PSHE lessons during the summer term, the children will be working through the 'Changing Me' unit.

Year 3:

The children will learn how babies grow and how boys' and girls' bodies change as they grow older.

Year 4:

The children will find out about internal and external reproductive body parts, body changes in girls and menstruation. Parents do have the right to withdraw their child from lesson 2 'Having a baby,' if they wish. A letter explaining how to do this was sent home at the start of the summer term.

### **Useful Websites**

<b>Website</b>	<b>Resources</b>
<a href="http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button">www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button</a>	This is a great game for developing quick recall skills in Maths.
<a href="http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk">www.activelearnprimary.co.uk</a>	As previously, you can find additional books here. If you have any trouble logging on, please let me know.
<a href="https://trockstars.com/">https://trockstars.com/</a>	Your child will have their login in their learning log.
<a href="https://app.bedrocklearning.org/">https://app.bedrocklearning.org/</a>	Your child will have their login in their learning log.
<a href="http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/">www.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/</a>	Free to register with additional books you can enjoy with your child.