

We've had another fun-filled half term in Hazel class with so many stand-out moments. The children had a fantastic time on our trip to the Danum Museum and learnt such a lot about Ancient Greece. They have also completed their Fishkeeper Fry programme and have all received their Diploma in Fishkeeping. We will now keep the fish tank and enjoy seeing how our fish develop. Thank you as well to Rosie for donating our new class pets – our 2 stick insects! We will be learning more about them over the next half term. Miss Eddershaw and I wish you all a wonderful Easter (and Eid) and are looking forward to another great half term in Hazel class.

Date for the diary – Hazel class 'Open Classroom' is Thursday 2nd May 2.15 – 3.15 where we will share some of our learning and complete some activities. We look forward to welcoming anyone who is available to join us.

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 15th April.

favourite	February	forwards	fruit	grammar
group	guard	guide	heard	heart
height	history	imagine	increase	important
interest	island	knowledge	learn	length

The spellings for next half term are:

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

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 term and have included the facts for Spring 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	Spring			
Weeks	16-18	19-21	22-24	25-27
Facts	4 x 4	7 x 4	10 x 4	1 x 8
	5 x 4	8 x 4	11 x 4	2 x 8
	6 x 4	9 x 4	12 x 4	3 x 8
	Plus corresponding division facts			

Y4	Spring			
Weeks	16-18	19-21	22-24	25-27
Facts	9 x 9	1 x 12	5 x 12	9 x 12
	10 x 9	2 x 12	6 x 12	10 x 12
	11 x 9	3 x 12	7 x 12	11 x 12
	12 x 9	4 x 12	8 x 12	12 x 12
	Plus corresponding division facts			

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>English Our class text- The girl who stole an Elephant and Meet me by the Steelmen</p> <p>Additional texts: The Akimbo Adventures, The Butterfly Lion, The Angel of Nitshill Road and Cool.</p>	<p>Maths Concepts covered- The Year 3 Maths units are Mass and Capacity, Fractions and Money and the Year 4 units are Decimals and Money.</p> <p>Time tables to practise- 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>Other Curricular areas: This half term in History we are continuing to compare the Ancient Greeks and Romans with a focus this time on the theme of power. In Geography we are recapping our knowledge of countries in Europe and learning about the different landmarks. In Science we are moving on to Forces and Magnets with William Gilbert and Jyoti Sehdev as our focus scientists. In PSHE we will be learning about relationships 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. There will be a letter coming out about this after Easter. These PSHE sessions will be split and the Year 3s and Year 4s will be taught the appropriate content separately.</p>	

PSHE for the last half term (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 will be sent home at the start of the summer term.

Useful Websites

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