Hazel Class News January 2026

Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas and were able to spend time with family and friends.

PE Days

PE will continue to be on Mondays and Fridays. Children need to come into school in their PE kits on those days. Children need to be prepared for PE both indoors and outdoors – so make sure they wear suitable layers!

Trainers in school

Children's trainers need to stay in school all week – they change them for break and lunch as well as for when they are doing the Daily Mile. If the trainers need to go home for any reason, please make sure they come back in the following day.

Reading

Don't forget to fill in the stars in your child's reading record – one for each day your child reads at home, you can date and initial a star. You don't have to have listened to every word your child has read – if they have read independently you can still initial and date a star. Once all 10 stars are filled in, the card is handed in and a new one attached to the diary and the children receive a small prize.

The children also bring home a library book which can be changed each Monday afternoon. This can be read alongside their reading scheme book.

Times tables

We have been doing lots of work on practising times tables in school, but it would be really helpful if you could support your child at home with these too. All children have a TT Rock Stars login which are in their reading diaries, and we have a chart up in the classroom to show which children are practising regularly. There are also lots of other games and activities online to reinforce their multiplication and division facts. One of the websites that the children usually enjoy is www.timestables.co.uk.

Homework

Children should be reading and practising times tables (for example on TTRS) at least four times a week each. As well as reading and times tables, children have one piece of spelling homework each week. This comes home on a Tuesday and spelling tests are on the following Monday.

Christian Value

Our Christian value this half term is hope. We'll be thinking about different types of hope, and what we mean when we say we hope for something. We'll be thinking about some of the stories in the Bible which show hope.

Topic

Our topic this half term is all about water! We'll be learning about the water cycle, changing states (solid, liquid, gas), about how and why water is used, and issues around conservation of water. See the topic overview for more detail of what we'll be learning about in all the different subjects!

If you have any questions at any point, please do just ask. We'd much rather be aware of things and therefore able to deal with them!

Miss Franks, Mrs Barrett, and Miss Brown