

Hazel Class News January 2025

Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely time over the festive period and were able to see family and friends.

We're looking forward to another fun half term in Hazel Class - we've got lots to pack in!

Trainers

Children need their trainers in school all week, not only for the Daily Mile but also for break and lunchtimes, when they change their shoes to go outside. It is also helpful to have a spare pair of socks in their bag - sometimes they get a bit soggy when they're running or playing so having a pair to change into when they come inside is really useful!



Reading

Just a reminder that it would be really helpful if you could be reading regularly at home with your child. Some of the children are at the stage where they don't need to read with you as such,

but please make sure that they are reading regularly, and check their understanding of what they have read. For example, they could read quietly for five minutes while you're cooking and then you could spend five minutes talking about what they've read, any interesting themes, who their favourite character is etc.

Remember to sign a star in your child's reading chart each time they read (even if it is not directly to you, eg if they're reading in bed before they go to sleep) Some children are not yet on our reading chart - which means they are still on their first or second card. There is a direct link between progression in reading assessments and how regularly a child reads at home, so we'd really appreciate your support with this.

Reading certificates for the star cards are awarded after 3, 6, 10 and then every 5 cards completed - these are given out in Celebration Assemblies by Mrs Hale. Well done Polly for having one of your cards chosen at random from

all the completed cards at the end of last term - we hope you've been enjoying your book prize!

Times tables

Government guidance suggests that Year 3 and 4 children should be doing 30mins of homework per week, in addition to reading. We only give spelling activities, so we ask that your child also does TTRock Stars several times a week. Their login details are on a sticker in the back of their reading diary. If you're struggling to complete this online then please speak to us and we can send home written times tables practice instead.

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1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100

Times tables facts are a key skill which children need to progress in maths. We are covering a lot of multiplication and division strategies this term, so times tables knowledge will be key to the children's success. As a guide, Year three children should by this point in the year be comfortable counting in 2s, 5s, 10s, 3s, 4s and getting to grips with their 8s. Year four children should be happy counting in and answering questions from all the times tables up to 12s. The year four children will have a national times tables test in May, so it's really key that they're practising regularly.

Christian Value

Our Christian value this half term is Friendship. We'll be thinking about what makes a good friend, how we can be good friends, how we can make sure everyone has friends, how we can make our school a place where friendship is obvious to all.



Topic

Our topic this half term is Extreme Earth and we'll be learning about volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis. Our English work will be linked to our topic work, as will our science work on rocks.



As always, if you have any questions at any point, please do just ask.

Miss Franks, Mrs Barrett, Miss Brown and Mrs Makin