

Hazel Class News April 2025

We hope you had a lovely Easter and enjoyed the break. How lucky were we with all the glorious sunshine! We've got lots of fun to pack into the next term, so here are some bits of key info.



Reading

Just a reminder to keep initialling and dating a star in your child's reading record each time they read at home. Most of them are at the point where they don't need to be reading out loud to you, but you can sign a star even if they've been independently reading or have spent some time looking at a magazine or a comic or similar. If you're not sure how best to support your child with his/her reading, please just ask one of us!

Remember that your child can read a home reading book as well as their set "reading book" and that they can borrow books from our class and school libraries as well.

Times tables

The year fours will have their times tables test in June.

This is a national online check which is given to all year fours across the country. This half term we will start practising in school using the same format as they will have in the test.

www.timestables.co.uk has an excellent practice test which is very similar - and is particularly useful for less confident children because you can adjust the time allowed to answer each question. In the actual test they will have 6 seconds per question, but it is fine for them to practise with longer times if needed to build confidence. Whether your child is in year three or year four, times tables facts form the basis for much of the maths curriculum, so the sooner they can crack them, the better! Please continue to support your child's number facts by playing games, counting in different amounts (eg in 4s,



3s, 8s), getting them to play TTRS or some of the many other times tables games that are available online. Please remember they should be practising times tables as a homework task at least 4 times a week.

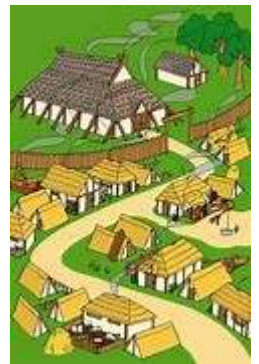
Christian Value



Our Christian value this half term is Peace. We'll be thinking about what peace is, including not just the absence of war, but personal feelings of peace and living peace and harmony with others. We'll also be considering what peace with God looks like for Christians, and how it is linked to God's forgiveness and love.

Topic

Last half term we really enjoyed learning about Rainforests, and this half term we have a history topic: The Anglo-Saxons! We will be focussing on the earlier part of the Anglo-Saxon period (rather than towards the end when the Vikings arrived!) and will be learning about their ways of life, what we still have in our society of Anglo-Saxon times (eg place names) and the religions of the Anglo-Saxons and the arrival of Christianity. Our English learning will be linked to our topic, including the study of the famous Anglo-Saxon story, Beowulf.



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

Miss Franks, Mrs Barrett, Miss Brown and Mrs Makin