



Year 3 Hazel and Holly Newsletter Spring 1

Welcome back. We hope you have had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This is not how we expected this half term to be with the majority of you learning from home. We still have lots of fantastic topics to sink our teeth in to, however, and as always, if you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch via the class emails:

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LITERACY

As our theme this half term is the Ancient Greece. We will be using the stories of The Odyssey and Persephone to engage the children. We will 'zoom in' on parts of The Odyssey, in particular the descriptions of the monsters encountered throughout the story, in order to write a non-chronological report based upon a monster of the children's choosing.

Our other unit will be based around writing an ending to a story, in this case Persephone. This will provide the basis of our story and the children will really get to focus on creating a super ending.

Homework for English will be set weekly. The children will be expected to learn their spellings and to complete a reading comprehension each week. Please encourage your child to read their Accelerated Reader book for at least 20 minutes a day. We ask that you sign the reading record at the end of each week to confirm that your child has read for 20 minutes each night. Please look on line for stories, if you are finding it hard to find books.

Key vocabulary:

Non-Chronological report, factual language, technical vocabulary.



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Mathematics

Children will be working on groups of objectives linked to the following strands of Maths throughout the rest of this year:

- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions
- Measurement
- Geometry (Shape and Space)
- Statistics (Data Handling)

This half term, pupils in Year 3 will be learning about multiplication and division facts and focusing on the formal written method for multiplication and division.

As we are having a big focus on multiplication and division facts, you can support your child with their learning by having them use Mathletics online on a daily basis. If your child does not have access to the internet at home, please let us know and we can provide paper copies of Mathletics homework. You can help your child by practising their 3s, 4s and 8s with them at home. Children now have log ins to TT Rockstars which they can access online or via the app and you could also help them learn their multiplication facts, using page 120 of their planner. By the end of Year 3, children should know the multiplication and division facts for the 2s, 5s, 10s, 3s, 4s and 8s up to 12x.

Key vocabulary: Multiplication, equal groups, lots of, division, sharing, grouping



SCIENCE

In science, children exploring light and shadow. This will involve investigating different light sources and how light affects the world around us. We are also going to investigate shadows and reflections as well as explore how they are formed.

Key Vocabulary:

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| fair test | conclusion |
| prediction | light source |
| dark | shadow |
| transparent | opaque |





Other Curriculum Areas

PE - Dance

PSHE- The value of rules and laws; rights, freedoms and responsibilities

History - Ancient Greeks

Computing - We are bug fixers.

Art and DT - Creating Greek Sculptures



The Bulletin Board

Things to remember:

For those of you working from school:

Every day: Reading Book
Reading Record
Planner

Weekly Homework:

Daily reading (20mins)
T.E.D
Reading comprehension
Spellings
Mathletics

For those of your working from home:

You can access the work via the link below

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software>



IMPORTANT DATES

5.1.2021 - World Braille Day
17.1.2021 World Religion Day
18.1.2021 - Martin Luther King Day
25.1.2021 - Burns' Night
27.1.2021 - Holocaust Memorial Day
1.2.2021 - Storytelling Week
1.2.2021 - Children's Mental Health Week
8.1.2021 - Individual Learning Plan Meetings
9.2.2021 - Safer Internet Day
12.02.21 - School closes

Uniform - Thank you for ensuring your child has the correct school uniform - they look very smart. Thank you also for your support in ensuring that make up, jewellery, fake tan and nail varnish is not worn for school. Small ear studs are permitted. As a reminder, dyed hair and tramline hairstyles are not permitted.

Reading - Year 3 pupils should be reading for at least 20 minutes every day. When reading with your child, encourage them to sound out tricky words, using their phonics and discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary. Stop them regularly, to check their understanding, as this will support them with their learning. Some questions you could ask: what are the characters thinking/feeling? How do you know? Children will take a quiz on the reading book they bring to read at home.