

## Hazel Class, September 2019



Welcome to Hazel Class. I hope that following a restful summer, all are settling in well in our brand new classroom. I will be teaching in Hazel Class for the foreseeable future and until we recruit a new teacher.

We have a very busy term planned and will be working closely with Oak Class, as we will be sharing a topic and hence school visit. Many children will also be attending the residential to Thorpe Woodlands where they will experience many new activities - a very exciting time.

### **Spellings**

Spellings will usually be tested on a Thursday, with children being taught a new spelling rule and given a new set of spellings the same day (stuck into their Reading Record book). We will be working through the year 3 / 4 spelling rules and including many words from the year 3 / 4 spelling list. Please help your child to practise as often as possible. Spelling is important as it increases both fluency and confidence in writing.

### **Times Tables**

We will shortly begin times tables quizzes once a week. These will be supported using the "Rock Stars" tables app which your child will receive login details for so that they can practise at home. In year 3, pupils are expected to become fluent counting in 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables, including inverse operations eg  $3 \times 5 = 15$  but also  $15 \div 3 = 5$ . By the end of year 4, they are to be fluent in all times tables up to 12s and the government have introduced a new compulsory test to assess this.

### **Reading**

Reading will be taught using the Destination Reader approach across the school. This ensures that all children have the opportunity to read on a daily basis. They will read both in groups and individually. Reading strategies will be taught in class, but it is still very important that children are given further practise at home. Their understanding of what they are reading is as important as their ability to decode (sound out and read words). Please ask your child questions about what they are reading eg How do you think the character is feeling, why did x happen, what do you think will happen next? and so on. All children have been given a new Reading Record book, please hear them read 3 - 4 times a week and note there when you do.

## PE

PE will be on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school, including footwear that fits. As the term grows colder, your child may need a warmer top and joggers to wear for outdoor PE.

If you have any questions about anything we will be covering, don't hesitate to come and ask.

With thanks for your on-going support

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