

Welcome to Hazel Class 2024-25! This year, we welcome Mrs Crapper to the team who will be joining Mrs Bothma and Miss Eddershaw and teaching on a Thursday and Friday. We had a fantastic transition week as a new Hazel class and the children all came together so well. We are all looking forward to a fun-filled Autumn term, getting to know your children even more.

Important Information

| Day | Timings of day | |
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| Monday | 8.45am – 3.15pm | Mrs Bothma and Miss Eddershaw |
| Tuesday | 8.45am – 3.15pm | Mrs Bothma and Miss Eddershaw |
| Wednesday | 8.45am – 3.15pm | Mrs Bothma and Miss Eddershaw |
| Thursday | 8.45am – 3.15pm | Mrs Crapper PE day (come to school in PE kit) |
| Friday | 8.45am – 3.15pm | Mrs Crapper and Miss Eddershaw PE day (come to school in PE kit) |

Reading

In KS2, unless there is a specific need, children have completed Phonics so will no longer take home a Phonics Bug book to read. Instead, the focus moves to Whole Class Read and they will bring a Year 3-4 appropriate reading text home in a blue wallet. They spend a week in class unpicking ambitious vocabulary and answering different types of questions about this text. It may be challenging initially, but they build their confidence across the week the more times they read the text. Please read this text at home with them at least 4 times in the week and talk about the words they have highlighted in it. Their blue wallet will need to be returned to school each day as this is the text that is used in school as well as at home.

Reading for Pleasure is something we value at our school and it is a joy to see the engagement our children have in these sessions. To support this, your child will bring home a book they have chosen either from the school library or our class bookshelves. This may be seen as an 'easier' book for them or may be one which is more challenging than they need for reading. As long as they're enjoying the book, we don't mind! We support their independence in changing this book whenever they need to. If you have any concerns that your child doesn't seem to enjoy reading, please speak to one of the Hazel team. There is a style of book or author for everyone so we will support them in finding theirs!

Expectations

Home Learning

Using their learning logs, all children should be:

- Practicing reading at least 4 times a week using their whole class reading extracts.
- Reading their library book, sharing stories and facts at home and developing their love of books with your help.
- Practicing spelling their termly spellings.

- Access Times Tables Rockstars 3 times a week and practice their tables at home.
- Access Bedrock once a week at home, to consolidate what they have been doing in school.

Spelling - There is an expectation for children to be practicing the spellings from their learning logs at home. This half term, we ask you to work on the following 20 spellings ready for a half termly assessment on Monday 4th November. The Year 4 children will have started to learn these spellings last year so can challenge themselves to spell the words within sentences if they are already confident with them.

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| accident | actual | address | answer | arrive |
| accidentally | actually | although | appear | believe |
| bicycle | breath | breathe | build | busy |
| business | calendar | caught | centre | century |

They can of course practice as many spellings as they want in addition to this from their learning log. If your child has spellings on a SEN support plan, they need to practice these but as part of our ambitious curriculum, we would also like them to access the class spellings too.

Fluency Facts – Fact Fluency within Maths is of the utmost importance at Harthill Primary School therefore we have streamlined our number facts so that children are learning no more than 4 facts for 3 weeks. Supporting your child at home at the correct time would be most beneficial.

| Y3 | Autumn | | | | | Y4 | Autumn | | | | |
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| Weeks | 1-3 | 4-6 | 7-9 | 10-12 | 13-15 | Weeks | 1-3 | 4-6 | 7-9 | 10-12 | 13-15 |
| Facts | 1 x 6 2 x 6 3 x 6 | 4 x 6 5 x 6 6 x 6 | 7 x 6 8 x 6 9 x 6 | 10 x 6 11 x 6 12 x 6 | 1 x 4 2 x 4 3 x 4 | Facts | 1 x 7 2 x 7 3 x 7 4 x 7 | 5 x 7 6 x 7 7 x 7 8 x 7 | 9 x 7 10 x 7 11 x 7 12 x 7 | 1 x 9 2 x 9 3 x 9 4 x 9 | 5 x 9 6 x 9 7 x 9 8 x 9 |
| <i>Plus corresponding division facts</i> | | | | | | <i>Plus corresponding division facts</i> | | | | | |

PE – This half term, our PE sessions are on a Thursday and a Friday. Please note that PE uniform is a plain white t-shirt, black or navy shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms, black or navy sweatshirt/fleece and trainers. Coloured clothing must not be worn. Spare PE uniform is available in school if children come in incorrect clothing. We will be outdoors, regardless of the weather, so please ensure children are appropriately dressed with a waterproof coat if needed.

Communication – Feel free to catch any of us at any point on the playground in the morning if there is anything you'd like to chat about. However, I appreciate this is a busy time and some discussions may need to be private. If you'd rather, call or email the office and we will give you a ring back at a suitable time. Don't ever feel as if this is a problem – we are very happy to do this!

What we will be learning this term

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| <p>English Our class text- Charlotte's Web and The Butterfly Lion</p> <p>Additional texts: Sam Wu is not Afraid of the Dark, This is our World, Manfish and Coming to England</p> | <p>Maths Concepts covered- We will use this half term to develop the children's understanding of place value and then begin the addition and subtraction unit.</p> <p>Time tables to practise- The Year 3 children are focussing on the 6 times table this half term and the Year 4 children are learning the 7s. As a reminder. The Year 3 children should be confident with 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s and Year 4 children should</p> |
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| | be confident with 4s, 6s and 8s in addition to these. Please keep practising these at home to support their fluency. |
| <p>Other Curricular areas:</p> <p>In History, we will be studying mining, this year with a focus on the life of miners leading up to the miners' strikes. In Geography, we will learn about the UK and Europe and further the children's recall of countries and capitals in Europe. In Science, we will learn about rocks and soils, this year with more of a focus on soils. Our scientists we will study this term are Mary Anning and the geologist Professor Christopher Jackson. Our focus artist is Pablo Picasso and we will develop pencil skills based on the Guernica. Basketball will be our PE unit and we will be introducing sportsmanship and leadership skills within Sports Education to our Year 3s and further developing this with the Year 4s.</p> <p>This half term, we will begin our My Happy Mind sessions. The first unit it called 'Meet Your Brain' where we meet Team HAP. Team HAP helps children learn all about 3 key parts of their brain: the hippocampus, the amygdala and the pre-frontal cortex.</p> | |

Useful Websites

| Website | Resources |
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| www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button | This is a great game for developing quick recall skills in Maths. |
| www.activelearnprimary.co.uk | As previously, you can find additional books here. If you have any trouble logging on, please let me know. |
| https://trockstars.com/ | Your child will have their login in their learning log. |
| www.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/ | Free to register with additional books you can enjoy with your child. |