



Class Hazel Newsletter Autumn 1st Half Term

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! It is such a long time since we have all been together and I am so excited to welcome the children into Class Hazel. Although school looks a little bit different at the moment, I am sure the children will love being back with their friends again. Our main priority this half term will be settling the children back into school and ensuring they feel safe and happy. We have a fantastic topic question to stick our teeth into:

Who were the Ancient Greeks?

Through this enquiry, we will be learning all about Ancient Greece and its impact on the world. We will look at the Ancient Greek Empire on a map and will find out about famous Ancient Greeks and their discoveries. The children will also discover what life in Ancient Greece was like. Our sticky knowledge page includes everything we will be covering this half term.

Maths

This half term we will be starting with work on place value. We will be ordering and comparing numbers and finding the values of each digit. We will also look at negative numbers and rounding. Building on from this we will be working on addition and subtraction, with and without exchange.

English

Our English lessons this half term will be based around the text *Beasts of Olympus: Beast Keeper* by Lucy Coats. Here is a little preview:

'What begins as just another ordinary day for Demon ends up being far from normal... because travelling on a rainbow to Mount Olympus is a bit odd for anyone, even if your dad is the Greek god Pan! When he arrives, Demon is in for a shock. The stables are full of mythical beasts like the flatulent Cattle of the Sun and a very grumpy Griffin. All Demon's animal husbandry skills, polished on his mother's farm on Earth, are going to be put to a rather exacting test as he tries to sort out the chaos and deal with the upset and concern of the gods. Can the stable boy help the Nemean lion that Heracles has hurt, and avoid incurring Hera's wrath if he can't heal her pet Hydra.'

This book is a great link with our Ancient Greece topic and will help the children learn about the Greek gods, as well as providing excellent writing opportunities!

Science

In science, we will be learning about the discoveries of some famous scientists through history, which creates a great link with our topic. We will also be able to describe what a scientist is and the different ways in which they work. The children will look at different forensic techniques and carry out some forensic tests.

Homework

- Reading 3-4 times a week, with the children recording the page they reached in their Reading Record
- Mathematics and Spelling will be set each Monday to be returned the following Monday. I will mark the work and return it.
- Project- This half term the project will be linked with Ancient Greece, I will discuss different ideas and ways to approach this with the children over the next few weeks.

If you have any questions during this half term, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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