

## Class Hazel Newsletter Summer 1st Half Term

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a great Easter holidays and enjoyed the break. It is hard to believe that we are now entering into our final term of the year! We have many exciting things planned for this half term.

Our topic this half term is all about:

# What makes Great Britain unique?

Through this topic we will have the opportunity explore the beautiful area in which we

live and the human and physical features of Great Britain. We will be going on a trip into the Lake District with a mountain leader called Barry Grayburn. He organises walks for the Lake District National Park and has agreed to conduct a guided walk on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019, where we can see tarns, lakes, valleys and mountain ranges. More details will follow closer to the time.

#### English



Our English text this half term will be Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick The story is set in a dystopian Britain, which has been ravaged by flooding. It follows a young girl Zoe, who has been separated from her parents, as she tries to survive in the harsh new landscape. This story links nicely with our topic and we will be using it to support some of our writing units. It is a brilliant story which hooks the

children in from the first paragraph, I am sure the class will really enjoy reading the text this half term.

#### **Mathematics**

In maths we will be starting the half term by recapping and building on our place value knowledge. We will then be continuing our work on fractions, before moving on to measures. Towards the end of the half term we will have a

focus on the four operations, recapping written methods and applying these to a range of problems.

#### Science

During our science lessons, we will be learning about the life cycles of plants and animals. We will be describing the life processes of reproduction in some plants, and explaining the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird.

### Homework/Reading

Please continue to support your child in reading at home, Mathletics and spelling. They should aim to read 3 times a week at home, as well as reading daily in school.



#### Dates to remember

Our next class assembly will be on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May. We will look forward to showing you what we have been learning about!

#### Homework Project 5

Thank you so much for all of your efforts with last half term's projects. The children always surprise me with their take on our topics and I always learn something new each time!

This half term our projects will be based on Great Britain's geography. The children can present their project how they wish. The projects are always a fantastic opportunity for the children to take ownership of their learning.

Our PE sessions will continue to be on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon.

Finally, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to come and speak to me.

Samantha Armstrong