



## Hazel Class - Term 1 - Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Welcome to Hazel Class!

Welcome back! I hope you have had a wonderful holiday. I am really looking forward to getting to know you all over the coming months and to an exciting time of learning with the children. I place value on a strong partnership between home and school in order to best help your child so if you do have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

### Things to know...

**Teacher:** Miss Simmons      **Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Dicks

**Classroom:** We are in the Year 1 classroom next to the old Reception classroom.

**Morning drop-off:** The school day begins at 8:40am. Mrs Dicks or I will wait by the EYFS entrance where your child can wash their hands before joining their classmates in the Year 1 classroom. If you have any questions this is a good time to catch up with me or Mrs Dicks.

**Afternoon collection:** Collect your children at 3pm from the same EYFS entrance you used to drop off.

### Deadly 60

Our topic this term is all about dangerous animals! We will consider life as an explorer and journey to wild places. We will become deadly 60 reporters and find out about the creatures in various extreme habitats around the world.

### PE

This term we will be doing Games and Ballet on Thursdays and Fridays.

On these days, we recommend that your child comes into school wearing their PE kit (e.g. joggers, t-shirt and trainers) so they don't need to get changed.

### General reminders

Please only bring essential items into school: book bag, drink bottle, packed lunch etc. Please do not bring in any toys.

Please ensure all clothing is named as we can then return it to you.

We ask that children bring in a named drinks bottle filled with only water. No fizzy drinks or juice please.

As the weather gets colder and wetter please ensure your child has a named coat with them in school even if it is not raining in the morning! Please wear sensible shoes too.

### Home learning

Reading at home really can make a difference to your child's learning and progress and we greatly appreciate your support in this matter. We recommend reading with them **at least four times a week but everyday is even better.**

Please leave comments in your child's reading record so we can see how they are doing at home. If your child has finished their book they can bring into school, leave it in the pink box and we will give them a replacement. Every time your child reads at home and you leave a comment, we will add a 'point' to our Home Reading Challenge chart. Your child can work towards achieving their bronze, silver and gold awards.

Please bring in your book bag **every day**, even if you haven't read together. We might use their book to read together in school.

In addition, there will be 5 spellings for your children to practice each week. These will be tested on a Friday.

### Quote of the term:

"No one will protect what they don't care about and no one will care about what they haven't experienced." -  
Sir David Attenborough

### School website:

<https://stokeparkprimary.org/>