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Hazel Class - Years 3 & 4

Spring 1 2025 information

Happy New Year from the Hazel Class!

It Was A Dark and Stormy Night

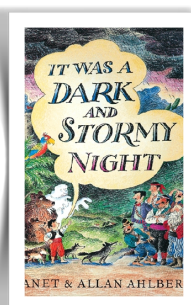
Lots of our learning will be inspired by *It Was A Dark and Stormy Night* by Janet and Allen Ahlberg, and *The Land of Roar* by Jenny McLachlan.

These fantastic stories with impressive illustrations are an excellent way to learn about story composition and how stories can adapt. The illustrations will inspire and develop descriptions, and the characters and settings will inspire our Foundation subjects, including Art, Geography, History and Music.

Hazel Class has contributed lots of excellent suggestions on how to develop their learning inspired by these books.

In **English**, our reading will focus on learning and practising skills in the tools for reading to improve fluency, and comprehension to improve understanding and enjoyment of reading. *Please ensure your child reads at home at least three times a week and enters this in their reading journal. Please also send in their reading book and journal daily so that they can be heard individually to develop their fluency skills.*

For **writing**, we will be learning and practising skills in sentence structure and grammar, composition, handwriting and spelling. Our grammar sessions are combined with learning about nature.



PE

Mondays and **Tuesdays**. All kit to be kept in school.



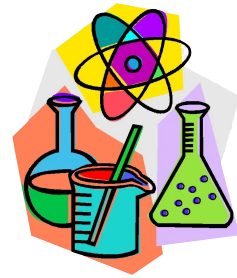
Forest School

Thursdays. Please have wellies/old shoes, a spare coat and appropriate clothing for all weathers.



Swimming on Wednesdays, starting early February. A letter will be sent out soon..

Science this half term will be Biology - focusing on food and nutrition.



This half term in **Maths** we are studying multiplication and division, length and perimeter, and fractions. See www.topmarks.com and www.ictgames.com for practising at home.

Art, music, geography and **history** will all be taught through our learning on *It Was A Dark and Stormy Night*.

ICT will focus on using Microsoft Teams and technology to assist learning.

In RE we will be studying prophets, and PSHE will be inspired by our school values.

Year 4 will be taking part in weekly **Manx** sessions this term.

PE is on every Monday and Tuesday. Please make sure that your child has a proper PE kit in school, including pumps/trainers, as PE sessions could happen at other times too. As the weather stays cold, joggers can be worn as part of the PE kit. Please check that the kits still fit!



Forest School is on every Thursday afternoon. Please make sure your child is properly kitted out for our activities, including a change of clothes, a coat or warm/waterproof outerwear and preferably wellies for their change of shoes (they are much easier to take on and off at the door!)

Clubs and Activities

Year 4 Scooter Training: 9th February (in school time). Please see separate communication.

Year 2/3 Tag Rugby Club: Tuesday afternoon. Contact BraddanEnquiries@sch.im for details.

Choir: contact BraddanEnquiries@sch.im for details.

Metacognition (Learning how we learn)

Our curriculum offers a variety of skills-based learning experiences for the children to understand how to talk about their learning and emotions, which will support their personal learning journey.

We have lessons that encourage children to consider their social, emotional, physical and moral well-being, and to raise awareness and tolerance of different beliefs and cultures.

