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Hazel Class - Years 3 & 4

Spring 2 2026 information

Hazel Class is welcoming the lighter days, and looking forward to lots of fun learning!

The Tin Forest

Lots of our learning will be inspired by *The Tin Forest* by Helen Ward, and *The Boy Who Grew Dragons* by Andy Shepherd.

These lovely stories with detailed illustrations are an excellent entry to our learning this half term. The events in the novel are fun and will inspire our Foundation subjects, including Art, Geography, History and Music.

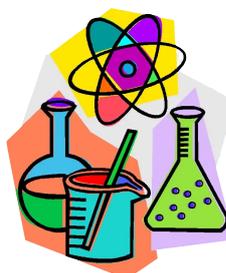
Hazel Class has contributed lots of excellent suggestions on how to develop their learning inspired by these books.

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.

Science this half term will be Physics - focusing on forces and magnetism.

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



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 Wednesday afternoons.

Music, geography and history will all be taught through our learning on *The Tin Forest* and *The Boy Who Grew Dragons*. We are hoping for a visit from the Manx Wildlife Trust this term for a mini beast hunt - date to be confirmed.

ICT and Art will focus on digital art using Adobe Fresco.

In RE we will be studying the Easter Story. PSHE will focus on Belonging, and P4C will start with thinking about hopes, dreams and possibilities.

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 (especially pumps/trainers) 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!)

Spring 2 - Dates for your Diary

DATE:	EVENT:
Monday 23rd February	All P.E. Kits in school Forest school clothes for class sessions each week - see class letters for days
Tuesday 24th February	MSR Club - Athletics 3.20pm - 4.20pm. Years 4 / 5 and 6. Please register your child via Parent Pay
Every Wednesday	Swimming for Key Stage 2
Every Thursday	Guitar Lessons Manx Lessons
Thursday 26th February	Open the book assembly Year 5 and 6 Trip to Peel - Mars visit
Friday 27th February	Half Termly class letters to be emailed home Strings Lessons
Monday 2nd March	Year 5 Cycling Proficiency - children can wear comfortable, warm clothing for the week. They must have a helmet and bike.
Tuesday 3rd March	Isle Listen - Key Stage 2 - every Tuesday
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day - Wear PJs and bring in their favourite book
Friday 6th March	Tennis sessions for Years 1 to 3
Monday 9th March	Isle Listen sessions for Year 1 and 2
Wednesday 11th March	Year 5 STEMFEST - no swimming for Year 5 that day
Wednesday 18th March	Cross Country Competition at Nobles Park
Friday 20th March	Manx Folk Awards - Solo Recitals
Monday 23rd March	Choir performing at Manx Folk Awards
Wednesday 25th March	Sports hall Athletics Competition at NSC at 1.30pm
Monday 30th March	Year 6 Parent Information session for residential at 9.10am
Wednesday 1st April	Year 3 and 4 Football Competition - details TBC
Thursday 2nd April	LAST DAY OF TERM
School reopens Monday 20th April	Easter Egg Decorating competition - whole school.

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March. Theme: PJs/onesies or own clothes.

Snacks

These can be fruit and plain biscuits. Please send in a refillable bottle, we have lovely filtered cold water for them.

Clubs and Activities

Year 4/5/6 Athletics 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.