

Dear parents / carers,

Welcome to a new school year in Hazel class! I'm looking forward to getting stuck into what will be a busy and fun term with lots of new challenges, learning, fantastic experiences and many great opportunities for growth and friendship amongst our class.

**History** This term in History we will be learning about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings. The children will learn all about the history of Britain during this era and why the Vikings decided to settle in Britain. We will also be reading the story The Saga of Erik the Viking in class and will use this book to write some history based creative pieces of writing. We will also be using our Forest School sessions to widen our Viking learning.

**RE** The children will be thinking about the big question 'What do Christians learn from the creation story' in RE and we will draw on their knowledge of the Bible and the world around them to think deeper about the world from a Christians point of view.

**Science** In science, we will be looking at forces, learning and investigating about how forces affect the world around us and how they can be used in numerous inventions and everyday objects. This is an exciting topic, which will give the children the chance to be scientists and get stuck into their learning through different investigations and experiments.

**Maths** In Maths, we will be working on place value before moving on to addition and subtraction, followed by multiplication and division. I would encourage the children to continue to use **Times Table Rock Stars**, this is a fantastic programme for developing fluency with multiplication and division facts. The children all have log-ins, if they need a reminder, they can let me know.

**Key Information** Finally, some key information for you:

**PE** - Hazel class will have P.E on a Tuesday afternoon; the children will be coming into school wearing their P.E kits on this day.

**Forest School** - Forest school will be Wednesday afternoons. The children will need to bring their kits in for these days, as they will still be wearing school uniform in the morning. Similar to last year, the class will be split into two groups for Forest school with one group working with me whilst the other is with Mr. Chidwick. The groups will rotate each half term.

**Reading and Spellings** - Reading books are sent home every day and they need to be brought to school, with your child's Reading Record, signed, each day. Please do listen to your child read as much as you can, this really helps them to develop their reading skills. Spellings will be set each week and sent home for the children to practice for a weekly spelling test.

I am looking forward to a fantastic term after a really strong and positive start to the year so far.

Regards,

Mr. Martin

