



# Greenfield Primary School

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Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back Elder and Hazel Class. We hope you had a great Christmas holiday and a lovely rest; we are very excited to start a new term of learning and growing. Please read on to find out what we will be covering in our second term in Year 5.

**Maths:** We will be covering our second unit of multiplication and division, specifically focusing on formal written methods. Then, we will be looking at fractions, decimals and percentages.

### **For Year 6 pupils in Hazel:**

We will continue with daily revision of our arithmetic skills focusing on the newer topics of percentages, long division and calculating with decimals. The focus in our main maths lessons this term will be on ratio, algebra, area and perimeter, shape and space and statistics and looking at how to tackle reasoning problems involving many different maths skills taught in the previous term. The majority of work we do in maths relies heavily on being able to recall key number facts:

- Doubles, halves, number bonds to 10, 100 and use these to solve problems with larger numbers.
- Being able to spot times table facts, we need to be able to recall our tables facts as quickly as we can answer our name.
- Using our times table knowledge for division and spotting factors e.g. knowing all the multiplication facts that make 36

Please encourage your child to regularly use Times Table Rockstars, Hit the Button and Maths Shed for working on their basic number facts such as mental addition and subtraction, number bonds, multiplying and dividing by powers of 10 and negative numbers.

**English:** Our class novel will be 'Holes' and we will be organising our first few weeks of writing around this novel. Spellings will continue to be set weekly on Spelling Shed and spellings will be tested in class every Friday in Elder and every Monday in Hazel. Handwriting remains a priority and we will be working on our handwriting weekly using Bubble Handwriting. Pupils will still be working joining consistently. Each week, we will have designated time given to discrete grammar lessons as well as reading activities.

### **Reading is so important!**

We ask that your child read at least 3 times a week at home, this needs to be recorded in their reading record by parent or the child. Their reading record and book needs to be returned once a week so we can monitor the children's progress, support any issues and change books.





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## For our Year 6 pupils in Hazel:

In our first half term, our class novel will be 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty, which we will read for pleasure and as part of our reading comprehension lessons. We will also link our class text to our writing opportunities, including formal and informal letters and balanced arguments. In our second half term, we will be studying the class text 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman, which will help us to generate a range of writing opportunities including diary entries, fantasy portal narratives and explanation texts.

In addition to writing lessons, children will also be taught:

- Spelling – in these sessions children will continue to explore and learn spelling rules and patterns. Please make spelling a focus when reading through your child's sentence homework. Spellings will be put on Spelling Shed each week, please play on it as often as possible.
- Grammar – we will be looking at some new terminology this term as well as lots of revision on terminology learnt this past term. I'll be sending home regular mini SPaG tests as part of this term's homework.

**Geography:** We will be considering how life would be different if we lived in the USA.

**Science:** This term in science we will be learning about Properties of Materials and Life Cycles

**PE:** Please ensure that your child brings in their PE kit at the beginning of the term. Their kit consists of a white polo shirt, navy/black shorts and for outdoor PE, navy/black jogging bottoms or navy/black tracksuit and trainers. PE is timetabled for a **Monday (Hazel) and a Friday (Hazel and Elder)**, but it is useful for PE kits to remain in school. Pupils need to ensure they are wearing full school uniform every day. Elder have swimming on a **Monday** this term.

## Homework

Reading books: 3 times a week

Online: Spelling Shed and Times Table Rock Stars.

Children also need to write at least three sentences, based on their weekly spellings, in their homework book.

Both classes will also visit Ordsall Hall this term:

Hazel Class: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Elder Class: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Please look on our class page for more information on what we are doing in class.

Thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Lewthwaite, Miss Thomas and Miss Harper.

Hazel Class (Year 5 & Year 6) and Elder Class (Year 5)

