



WEST ALVINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY



Hazel Class

Summer Term Curriculum Overview 2022

Welcome to Hazel Class!

The children have a wonderful term of adventure, activities and learning awaiting them! Keep reading to see what we will be up to over the coming weeks!

This Term...

As we hurtle towards the end of the year, we have so many fabulous learning opportunities planned for this term. We will be learning about animals and living things through first-hand observation, complete with some very exciting, but temporary, additions that have joined Hazel Class! The children are fascinated by learning about the world, and this term they have already expressed an interest in adding another leg to their worldwide tour by visiting the Southern Hemisphere and learning about life in Australia. We will be exploring the food, culture, traditions, games, environments and animals 'Down Under' as we travel and we would love to invite our parents in to share some of their stories, photos, memories and maybe some recipes or food too!

Our learning this term is based upon a range of high-quality texts that will expose the children to a rich range of language and vocabulary, enhanced by stunning illustrations, allowing the children to become lost in truly stunning stories as they explore the world.

The children will adore the breathtaking learning opportunities and experiences planned for this term which will leave them wanting more!

The Prime Areas: putting in solid foundations

Throughout the Summer term, we reflect back on the fabulous foundations the children have developed over the past two terms in their Prime Areas of Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED), Communication and Language (CL) and Physical Development (PD). The Prime Areas underpin every other aspect of a child's development and learning throughout their Reception year and beyond. In Hazel, we ensure that these foundation elements are strong and well developed enabling them to learn to soar through a successful lifetime of learning.

PSED

PSED underpins and flows throughout all our learning in Hazel, helping us to learn and play alongside our friends. We will continue to strengthen our understanding and respect of others, as well as how we can diffuse difficult situations in a calm and fair way.

As a class, we continue to refer to and use the Class Agreement we wrote in September, helping us to show the fabulous learning behaviours we are famous for in Hazel Class. The children have several opportunities on a daily basis to undertake roles of responsibility, whether they are in charge of the register, handing out snacks or helping the teachers with little jobs. As we prepare to welcome the new cohort in, the children will act as guides and mentors, sharing their learning with the new children and showing them how wonderful life is here in Hazel Class!

Communication & Language

The children are taught in a language rich environment, exposing them to a plethora of vocabulary and explanations that help to deepen their learning and thinking. This area covers the skills of listening, speaking and thinking about their use of language. This is a key priority and we plan opportunities on a daily basis to enhance every child's Communication and Language.

Physical Development

As well rounded, active citizens we will have lots of opportunities for positive competition in sport and other activities to build character and self-discipline. This term we will be focusing on track and field. The children will be learning the skills needed to partake in a variety of different games as we prepare for Sports Day. The children have numerous daily opportunities for the children to develop their coordination, control, and movement to develop their fine and gross motor skills. The children will develop their fine motor skills through activities such as Finger Gym challenges, regular scissor, brush and pencil control activities. We will also develop gross motor skills through ball control, simple gymnastic movements and coordination in our daily PE sessions. In Hazel, we help children to understand the importance of a range of physical activity and to make healthy choices in relation to food.

The World Around Us

Over the coming term, we will practice the skills that we have been lucky to learn on our Forest School sessions with Pete from Forest & Beach. These opportunities allow the children to engage with and explore the local area, it's the fields and hedgerows. We look at the variety of wild plants and flowers growing in the fields, and hedgerows. We will also observe and describe the seasonal changes we notice over the coming months.



All of our outdoor sessions not only allow the children to learn about nature and their environment, but also support the children's Communication and Language development by encouraging them to explain and reason their ideas and thoughts. We also learn how to manage risk safely, learning how to light fires, use saws and drills and climb trees.

Exploring people, culture and communities is a big part of life in Hazel. As global citizens, the Reception children will be looking at the special places and stories that are precious to people of different faiths.

Mathematics

The children are supported to engage in a range of learning opportunities that allow them to demonstrate and explain their understanding of early mathematical concepts. The children will further develop their recognition of a range of numerals around the learning environment. We will use a range of practical, real life problems to draw out the children's thinking when it comes to early addition,

subtraction and sharing. The children will be encouraged to record their mathematical thinking in a way that is meaningful to them.

We will also explore a range of simple 2D and 3D shapes, as well as investigating basic measures using everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money.



Literacy

The development of Literacy here in Hazel Class is focused on the immersion of the children in a language rich environment, securing their enjoyment and engagement with the written and spoken word.

We will share a variety of high quality texts, both fiction and non-fiction to explore authorial voice and writerly craft in an age appropriate way. The children will be introduced to and deepen their love of storytelling through our *Favourite Five* books and lots of gorgeously written class novels.



Phonics is taught using the *Read Write Inc.* programme which teaches children to read accurately and fluently with good comprehension. They learn to form each letter, spell correctly, and compose their ideas step-by-step.

The children in Reception will be encouraged and supported to make marks and write by tapping into their interests through a range of learning opportunities throughout the learning environment and through their Learning Play.

Expressive Art & Design



As artists and designers in Hazel, we will be investigating and experimenting with a range of drawing, painting and 3D construction materials. The children will create their own pieces inspired by traditional Dreamtime art from Australia. The children will be introduced to and develop their understanding and use of simple colour techniques, including colour mixing, shade and tone. We will also learn about artists and some of the techniques they used to create their art.

Christian Distinctiveness

Through our daily Acts of Worship, we will reflect on how we demonstrate our Christian values in school and within our local and world communities. We also weave our Christian values into the children's learning opportunities and activities.



Class Group Acts of Worship

Each week, the children will join their friends in their class to deepen their understanding of the themes covered in our whole school Acts of Worship. These sessions offer a wonderful opportunity for all children to come together and work collaboratively as a family. We are lucky enough to come together as a school in our Family Groups, introducing the little ones to the joys of this special time together.

Home Learning in Reception

We value the support that parents and families provide from home. It enriches your child's learning and helps them achieve the best that they can.

In Reception, this may consist of Maths games for you to play with your child that promote their enjoyment and engagement with Mathematics. We also send home a termly homework grid with a selection of activities, investigations or experiments for you to work on together at home! These are centered around one of our fantastic five books and carefully created to promote whole-family involvement and discussion.

Regular reading is of HUGE importance to early literacy and oracy, as well as the social development of our young children. In the early days of school, it is vital that the children are not pushed to read, their love of books is the most important thing. You can support your child's reading at home by encouraging them to:

- Name any sounds they recognise, such as the ones they see in their name.
- Ask them to predict the ending to the story and explain why.
- Ask questions to help them understand and enjoy the story.
- Listen to a wide variety of pleasurable books.
- Continue to read a variety of stories to your child so that they are hearing a variety of story language and develop a love of reading.
- Don't forget bedtime stories are still important too!