



Thursday 15th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

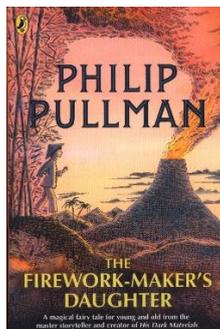
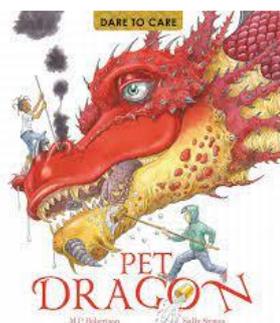
I hope you all had a lovely summer. I am so pleased to be able to teach this class for another year. So far, they are all adapting to being juniors well and have been working hard. This term we will be welcoming our trainee teacher, Miss Miles, into Hunter class. She will be with us until December. We have the wonderful Mr Smart as our Teaching Assistant joining us this year for extra support which we are very grateful for!

Enquiry

This term we are exploring the question 'What happens when Mother Earth is angry?' The children will be learning about volcanoes, earthquakes and completing an in-depth study of countries in Europe. We will have a particular focus on Italy as this will lead really well into their year 4 learning on Romans. At the end of term we will be inviting you to view our exhibition all about natural disasters when we have our 'Earth Science Fair'. Next week, we have a full day workshop all about volcanoes with a visiting education company which we are really looking forward to.

English

The children's new book for English is called 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. This is the first short novel that the children will have studied for their writing lessons. It is a great adventure text and we are starting off by writing a setting description and will be moving onto letter, diary and narrative moving forwards. We will end the term by writing about M.P. Robertson's picture book, 'Pet Dragon' where we will be looking at the anatomy of dragons and how to care for them!



Reading

As the class move up into Juniors, reading will become more challenging and we continue to keep it at the heart of everything that we do in school. If children can read fluently, they can access the whole curriculum with much



more ease. In whole class guided reading, we will be studying a diverse range of books with the children that have been carefully selected. We are starting off by reading 'After the Fall' by Dan Santat which is all about resilience and having a 'can do' attitude.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be reading with each individual child and checking to see if they are ready to move onto the next book band.

At home, please read with your child each day for 15 minutes to support their learning in school. You can now record how many times they've read and comments on the Boom Reader app. You will hopefully have received your login for this at 'Meet the Teacher'.

Spellings

Week		Spelling Rule
1	w/c 12 th Sept 2022 (completed in school)	Words with the long /ai/ sound spelt with 'ei'
2	w/c 19 th Sept 2022	Words with the long /ai/ sound spelt with ey
3	w/c 26 th Sept 2022	Words with the long /ai/ sound spelt with ai
4	w/c 3 rd Oct 2022	Words with /ur/ sound spelt with ear
5	w/c 10 th Oct 2022	Homophones & near homophones
Half term Homework		Homophones & near homophones

Each Friday, your child will receive homework for spellings. These should be practised over the week and returned to school on a Thursday along with their other homework. The children have daily spelling sessions to work on the rule of the week. The rules for this term are as follows:

Some of the children are still working on phonics as well but this will run as an additional intervention for these children.

Maths

This term in Maths we will begin by looking at the children's knowledge of number and place value. These are the some of the small steps that we will be looking at in regards to learning about number in year 3:

Step 1	Represent numbers to 100
Step 2	Partition numbers to 100
Step 3	Number line to 100
Step 4	Hundreds
Step 5	Represent numbers to 1,000
Step 6	Partition numbers to 1,000
Step 7	Flexible partitioning of numbers to 1,000
Step 8	Hundreds, tens and ones

Following this, we will be working on the 4 main calculation strategies;

- Addition
- Subtraction
- Multiplication
- Division

Science

In Autumn 1, we will be studying 'Rocks and Fossils' which links really nicely to our Enquiry on volcanoes. We will be learning about igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks and their properties. The second half of the term we will be looking at 'Forces' and learning all about magnets and movement across different surfaces.

RE

In year 3, our in-depth studies in RE will be based on Hinduism and Christianity. This will be interwoven with other religions. In Autumn Term, the children will be covering the following;

Autumn 1: Jesus and his Stories

Autumn 2: Hinduism

Music

Each Tuesday afternoon, we will continue to have Inspire coming to teach the children Ukulele. Inspire will deliver the National Curriculum objectives for music through these lessons and the children will learn a variety of musical knowledge from pitch, tone, beat and so on.

IT

This term we will begin our ICT lessons with internet safety and how to be safe online. Following this, we will be looking at what Information Technology is in school and the wider world. After half term, we will spend 6 weeks looking at stop motion animation!

PSHE

We will be using the scheme SCARF for PSHE this year. Autumn 1 & 2 will be focusing on 'Me & My Relationships' and 'Valuing Difference'.

PE

We will have Mr Ellis, our sports specialist teacher, in on a Friday morning to teach PE. The children will be focussing on the following areas of sport for Autumn Term:

Autumn 1: Competitive Games

Autumn 2: Dance

General Classroom Notices

Water Bottles

Please remember to send your child in each day with their water bottle. This should just be water and not juice or squash.

Show and Tell

There will be a list and a day for children to bring in one show and tell per term – so they must choose wisely! These dates will go out next week and if your child does not wish to take part, they don't have to.

PE

Please can your child bring their kit in for the whole week and keep it on their peg, as sometimes there might be an impromptu PE/ active session where they may need their kits.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to come and ask at the beginning or end of the day. We now have class dojo as an extra point of contact and here you will be able to see pictures and updates of the children's learning. You can also follow the class on Twitter at [@HFHAMissGerrard](https://twitter.com/HFHAMissGerrard)

I am looking forward to another year with your children. They really are wonderful and I feel very lucky to get one more year with them!

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Gerrard