

Hazlitt is a key stage 2 class within the Formal learning approach and we are based at Palace Wood. Pupils are supported by a Class Teacher, a Senior Teaching Assistant 2 Teaching Assistants.

Our focus is on making progress with reading, writing and maths and developing strategies so pupils can become independent learners. During topic activities, pupils develop their skills and knowledge by participating in 'hands on' and creative activities. In PHSE, we focus on enabling pupils to gain valuable life skills, to develop self esteem and relationships with each other and to learn how to keep themselves safe, both online and when accessing the community.

Pupils learn best with practical activities, real life experiences and highly visual approaches. Pupils have opportunities to work in small groups, with their learning partners and also independently. There are lots of opportunities for pupils to develop their understanding and expressive language through real life experiences, 'hands on' activities, structured speaking and listening activities. Importance is placed on developing their social and communication skills, so that they can become confident and independent members of their community in the future.

We use the Zones of Regulation to help pupils to understand emotions and to be able to talk about how they are feeling. Everybody has their own 'toolbox' of strategies so they are able to self regulate their emotions, with support, when things get 'tricky'.

At Palace Wood we are fortunate to have an amazing outside environment. We love going outside for PE and Forest School sessions. We also visit the farm at the Loose site and help to care for the animals. We use every opportunity to learn in school, in our outside learning environment and in our local community.

