



Homework books **must be in school on Monday** and it will be returned on Tuesday.

Reading – Please read aloud to an adult every day. Write a summary of what you have read or discuss the story with an adult. Please record in your reading record book the pages that you have read each day. **Remember to bring your book and reading record to school every day.** Please visit Nelson School Library for your reading wristband books.

Maths – Please practise your **Half any number with up to 1 decimal place** ready for your **test on Friday**.

This target is about being able to halve a number with one decimal place, provided that the digit after the decimal point is even, 6.8. Half of 6.8 is 3.4 This also includes halving whole numbers, Half of 9.0 is 4.5 You could ask: If I halve 2.6 litres of juice into two jugs, how much juice in each jug?

Spelling

- 1) You must **ensure you know the meaning of the word**. -use a dictionary to help you if you are unsure.
- 2) **Write a sentence for some of the words**. You can include more than one word in a sentence as long as it makes sense and shows that you understand the word.
- 3) **Practise and study all of the spelling words ready for the Weekly Spelling Test.** To help you learn, every day you could draw a table like below to help you practise.
- 4) **Use your spelling menu to help you Practise your spellings.** You can pick whatever activities you like to help you learn all the words.

Look Say Cover Write Check

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<i>sacrifice</i>						
<i>secretary</i>						
<i>shoulder</i>						
<i>signature</i>						
<i>sincere</i>						
<i>sincerely</i>						
<i>soldier</i>						
<i>stomach</i>						
<i>sufficient</i>						
<i>suggest</i>						

You can choose to use this table if you like. Please make sure you Write your sentences in your homework books.

Comprehension

Read the text, 'Fire-Girl' by Matt Ralphs and complete the comprehension questions in your homework book.

WITCH'S GLADE



*Witches are wise, cunning folk, clever with herbs
and healing. The most skilled – known as Wielders –
harness magic to cast spells and charms.*

Notes on Witchcraft and Demonology by Dr Neil Fallon



The Glade, Wychwood Forest, three days later . . .

Hazel Hooper strolled along the orchard path, whistling quietly and enjoying the sun on her back. Beams of light slanted through the trees, turning the floating cherry blossom into flakes of gold. It was a perfect summer's day in the Glade, the only home she had ever known.

She plucked an apple from her basket and took a huge bite, letting the juice dribble down her chin. *Just right for a pie*, she thought.

She froze, mid-munch, as something large and orange burst out on to the path in front of her. It was Ginger Tom, her mother's bad-tempered cat-familiar, with whom Hazel was in a perpetual state of war. Something small and furry dangled in his jaws.

'Tom!' Hazel shouted. 'What have you got there? Oh, you horrible creature – it's a poor little dormouse.'

Bursting with rage, she hurled her apple as hard as she could. It flew over Tom's head and exploded against a nearby tree, showering him with sticky pulp.

'Pick on something your own size,' she said as he dropped the mouse and disappeared yowling into the undergrowth.

Dropping her basket, Hazel picked up the limp dormouse as gently as she could and enfolded his shaking body in her hands. She closed her eyes, searching for a spark of magic and muttered a healing spell painstakingly memorized from her mother's books.

'*Magia-mus-sanaret*,' she whispered. As usual, nothing happened.

'Hold on, little mouse,' she said, pushing her disappointment aside. 'Ma will set you right.' She scampered out of the orchard into a well-tended vegetable garden. At the end of the path was a cottage with a sagging thatch roof and flowers rambling around the door. Hazel dashed breathlessly into the kitchen. 'Ma, look what I—'

A foul smell stopped her dead. Barely visible through a veil of greasy steam stood Hazel's mother, Hecate.

- 1) Use a dictionary to find the meaning
 - a) perpetual
 - b) tended
- 2) Find and copy a phrase that shows it is warm in the forest.
- 3) What are the most talented type of witches called?
- 4) Use evidence from the text to explain how Hazel feels when she sees Ginger Tom.
- 5) Does Hazel find magic easy? Give two reasons for your answer.
- 6) What might be causing the "foul smell"?
- 7) How does the writer show that Hazel is a caring girl?
- 8) Why do you think the writer chose to start with a quote from another book?
- 9) What do we know about Hazel and her life? Use quotes from the text to back up your answer.