



Daisy Class Class Newsletter Summer Term



I can't quite believe we have had two terms of year 3 already! This term is a return to normal now swimming has ended. Regular Monday and Thursday PE lessons will return. We are looking forward to enriching our new history topic with a trip to Celtic Harmony which we are all very excited for.

Please ensure your child comes in with appropriate footwear for the school day (black shoes). Please also continue to provide your child with a named water bottle to ensure they stay hydrated throughout the day as it becomes warmer.

English

This term we are learning to write reports and are starting with the fantastic 'Cloud Tea Monkeys'. We will build towards this by learning how to use conjunctions, different tenses and imperative (bossy) verbs. After this we will rehearse our narrative retelling skills when reading 'Black Dog'.

We are still enjoying the mysteries of Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure. We are building on our explanation skills which help us verbalise and justify our thoughts. After this we will read 'I Am The Seed That Grew The Tree', a collection of nature poems.

We also encourage children to build their independence through reading regularly outside of school. This is central to developing a range of skills in the children and develops good reading habits. Please update and initial your child's reading record when they read, either to you or by themselves. Ideally, the children should aim to read every day but we ask you to please sign this at least three times a week. Thank you for your help with this.

Maths

We are solidifying our understanding of the formal methods for multiplication and division for the majority of this half-term. We will end the half-term with a focus on time. TT Rockstars or Hit The Button will continue to be invaluable home resources to help consolidate any multiplication tables your child needs practice with.

Science

After we have finished our investigations into light from last term, our topic this half term is 'How Plants Grow' where we will learn how the parts of a plant function, as well as exploring pollination and seed dispersal.



PE

PE with Mr. Webb will be focussing on tag rugby on a **Thursday** afternoon and looking at a range of ball handling skills with Mr Evans on **Monday** afternoon. Please make sure that all PE kits are at school throughout the week. As PE lessons will be done outside in all weathers, please ensure that your child has black jogging bottoms and an appropriate jumper in school, as well as suitable outdoor shoes.

Foundation Subjects

The foundation subjects will be taught as discrete lessons. History and Geography alternate each half term. Last half term, we studied 'Where does our food come from?' as our Geography topic, and now we are studying 'Invaders and Settlers' as part of our History unit.

In PSHE we will be discussing 'Relationships'. In RE we will be considering the question, 'Why is sharing so important to Sikhs?'.

Music will be taught on a Friday afternoon, where we will be learning about disco songs. In Art, we are studying nature. We will paint using tints shades and tones of green to create layers.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and should be back in by the following Thursday, please. It should be completed to the same high standards we expect at school, please. Homework will be set on Class Dojo each week and should be submitted online. It will include the following tasks:

- Athletics activities
- Times Tables Rockstars (even a couple of minutes a day can make a huge difference!)
- Home reading
- Spellings to learn

Uniform

School uniform must be worn at all times (see website for specific details). Children in KS2 are expected to wear a tie. Nail varnish is not permitted as part of our uniform policy. Long hair (boys and girls) should be tied back, no earrings, and hairbands are permitted if they are discreet.

If you have any questions or want to speak to me, please leave a message with the member of staff on duty at the door or email the school office at: admin@hillmead.herts.sch.uk to make an appointment to speak with me. Please do not use the messenger system on Class Dojo. Thank you!