



## Daisy Class

### Class Newsletter

### Summer Term



Spring term went so quickly but we managed to fit so much in! We have lots of things to look forward to still, such as sports day and exciting experiments. Let's make the rest of year 3 last as long as possible! 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. Now it is getting warmer, don't forget the suncream!

### English

We are beginning by looking at poetry in the book, *Jim: A Cautionary Tale*. We will learn parts of the poem by heart and write our own rhyming poems. We will end the year by reading the very aptly named, *The Day I Swapped my Dad for Two Goldfish* which will focus on narrative writing.

*Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure* has come to an exciting conclusion now. We will begin our study of *A Necklace of Rainbows* where we will focus on our prediction and summarising skills along with a range of short texts each week to build our exposure to texts we are less familiar with.

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 starting the term by revisiting reading analogue clocks. The rest of the term will include securing the four operations, introducing the concept of decimals, understanding place value in relation to decimals and building 3D shapes.

### Science

We are continuing our learning of 'How Plants Grow' where we will learn how the parts of a plant function, as well as exploring pollination and seed dispersal. We will continue to perform experiments including measuring over time and ensuring our tests are fair.



## PE

PE with Mr. Webb will be focussing on athletics on a **Thursday** morning, and learning a range of striking 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 an outer layer for colder weather and a cap for hotter weather, 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 'Invaders and settlers' as our History topic, and now we are investigating India as part of our Geography unit.

In PSHE we will be discussing 'Changing Me'. In RE we will be considering the question, 'What is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God?'

Music will be taught on a Friday afternoon, where we will be recapping all the different songs we have looked at this year as well as investigate musical notation. In DT, we are getting busy in the kitchen and learning to use utensils safely while making smoothies.

## 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.

**Please note that we now have a new PE uniform which consists of a red polo shirt with the Hillmead logo, replacing the white T-shirt which did not wear well. We ask that all children have one of these polo shirts in their kit from September 2024.**

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](mailto: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!