



Bluebell Class

Class Newsletter – Summer Term 2



Welcome back to the final half term of Year 5! These last seven weeks will, as usual, be packed with learning opportunities alongside all the events and whole school activities that the (hopefully) warm sunshine brings. In addition, Bluebell class will be taking part in a music festival on Monday 24th June. This is a multi-school initiative involving plenty of singing, as well as an individual performance by Bluebell Class, which we are currently perfecting! I am sure it will be a wonderful experience for everyone!

Further Curriculum In history, our topic is 'Rebuilding Britain' looking at how Britain recovered after the events of the Second World War.

In DT we will look at designing and creating felt storage pouches, practising our cutting and sewing skills!

In Computing, we will be improving our typing skills and becoming more familiar with Word and all its functionality.

In music, we are lucky to be participating in the Year 5 Festival of Song on the 24th June. In preparation for this, we will be learning a number of songs around the theme of 'Peace and Protest.' It promises to be a wonderful evening of music! In French, we will be looking at naming clothes. We will continue to practise speaking and writing sentences in French, with a particular focus on using the correct articles for nouns.

Maths: This half term we will be looking at geometry – the properties of shape; the perceived difficulties in word problems; statistics; roman numerals and a revision of those aspects of the maths curriculum that the children have found the most challenging. In addition, we will explore more complex maths to ensure the children are properly prepared for year 6.

As has been the case all year, throughout our maths lessons, we will be focusing on fluency and reasoning, ensuring these important skills are consolidated!

Science We will be studying change and reproduction in humans, from an entirely scientific standpoint, from birth to old age. We will be looking at the different stages of life and what happens during each milestone, as well as thinking about comparisons between humans and other animals.

English This half term's work will start by looking at an illustrated adaptation of Anne Frank's diary, where we will be writing diary entries of our own, letters and a newspaper article. We will then move onto 'Firebird' by Saviour Pirotta, with our final outcome being a modern fairytale narrative.

Alongside Anne Frank, in Guided Reading, we will be looking at some World War Two poems by various poets. We will be looking at rhyme, meter, figurative language, as well as all our usual focuses from the year so far! Following this, we will look at 'The Story of the Titanic' by Joe Fullman.

RE: In RE we will be exploring and discussing commitment in the context of our question, 'What is the best way for a Christian to show commitment to God?'

PSHE

Our PSHE learning continues with the Jigsaw unit Changing Me. The content of this unit is explained in more detail in a letter sent to you separately.

PE: PE lessons this half term will be on a Wednesday afternoon with myself. PE with Mr. Webb will be continuing on a Thursday afternoon. As the weather may be inclement, please ensure your child has **black jogging bottoms** and a **black jumper** in school, as PE lessons will (hopefully) be outside.

Reminders

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.

Homework

This year, homework will cover a range of tasks:

- Mathletics
- Times tables Rockstars
- Reading
- Spellings to learn via Spelling Shed

Mathletics will be set – currently with two weekly tasks– as well as Times Tables Rockstars, and games on Spelling Shed. Please make sure your child is **reading regularly at home**. School books will be changed frequently and checked on a weekly basis.

This year homework will be more streamlined with tasks to be completed online (no need to upload to Class Dojo) alongside daily reading. Whilst pupils are completing their tasks, please be mindful of their online activity and ensure appropriate measures are in place to keep your child safe online.

Class Dojo: we will use Class Dojo to communicate many things over the course of the year, including class updates, so please check in regularly! If you need log in reminders for any sites, please let me know.

Finally, please do not hesitate to call the office or send an email at: admin@hillmead.herts.sch.uk if you have any questions.

Thank you.