



Sunflower Class Newsletter – June 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

This newsletter should provide you with a bit more information about the curriculum content we will be covering this half term.

English

During the w/b 10th June, all children in Sunflower Class will take the phonics screening check. This is a test that all children in Year 1 take to assess their level of phonics knowledge and ability to read unseen words. It will involve me showing each individual pupil 20 real words and 20 pseudo words for them to read. The children have already had experience of completing this type of activity in school so it is nothing for them to worry about. You will be told at the end of the school year whether your child has passed or not.

In our English lessons, we will be reading the book *The Magic Bed* by John Burningham and using it to write setting descriptions and a fantasy story where the children are transported to another world. After that we will be using the text *Beegu* by Alexis Deacon to create a nonsense-word dictionary, poems and poetic sentences. Finally, we will be reading the book *Pig the Pug* by Aaron Blabey. The children will explore character motives and feelings before researching a selection of animals and going on to write their own version of the story

Maths

In maths, we will be using the Hertfordshire scheme of work. The points below illustrate our focus for this half term (you can also support your child by trying tasks similar to these at home).

Division – sharing and grouping

There are 8 cups to be shared equally between 2 trays.



How many cups would go on each tray?

Time – o'clock and half past

Which of these clocks does not show an o'clock time?

Explain how you know.



Fractions – sharing into equal groups

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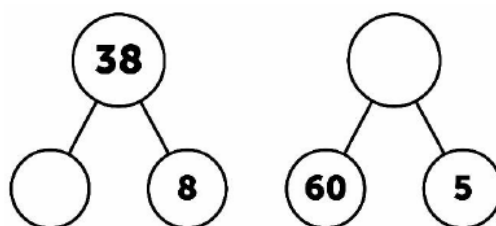
Numbers to Twenty – Review

Jack's beanstalk is 17m tall.
After he cuts it down, there is 3m left.

How much does he cut down?

Numbers to 100 – Place Value (tens and some more)

Complete the part whole models.



Draw part, whole models to show one more and one fewer than these numbers.

Other Curriculum Areas

Science: The class will be learning about famous scientists and inventors. For example, they will learn how Chester Greenwood invented the first pair of ear muffs when he was just 15. Then the children will test different things to see how well they keep things warm, in the context of making new ear muffs.

RE: Following the Discovery RE scheme the children will be finding out if Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are important to Jewish children.

PSHE: During our Changing Me unit the children will be thinking about some ways they have changed since being a baby. They will learn the main body parts that make boys and girls different, use the correct names for these and know that they are private.

Computing: The unit of work will focus on giving children an introduction to spreadsheets. They will learn to navigate around a spreadsheet and input data.

Music: We will be following the music scheme from Charanga.com.

DT: The children will have the opportunity to develop their understanding of structures, through the exploration of different types of lunch boxes. The children will gain a basic understanding of how structures can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable.

History: Famous Queens – The children will learn what it's like to be a queen and to live in a palace. They will explore famous palaces in the United Kingdom and how they were used by queens in the past.

Uniform

Thank you for your support in ensuring that the children take pride in the way they dress for school. Please see the school website for more detail about the school uniform requirements. Please note that nail varnish should not be worn, long hair must be tidied back with hair bands that are plain and in school colours, jewellery should not be worn and earrings are not allowed.

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.

PE

In PE we will be working on fundamental skills such as rolling, receiving and striking. Our PE slots are on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays** but the children must have their PE kit in school every day of the week. Please ensure your child's PE kit includes: a Hillmead or plain white t-shirt, black shorts, trainers or plimsolls and spare socks. A black tracksuit top and bottoms might be necessary in the colder months but the children will still need shorts.

Home – Communication

If you have any queries or need to pass on any information to us, please contact the school office admin@hillmead.herts.sch.uk. The Class Dojo messaging system must not be used for parent teacher communication.

Homework

Homework will continue to consist of Mathletics tasks and Spelling Shed games, which will be assigned to your child every **Thursday**. In addition to this, your child should read their school reading book at home every day. Reading books will be changed every **Tuesday** and **Friday** but the children will only receive a new book if an adult has written in their reading log to indicate that the child has finished their current reading book. Optional reading and spelling activities will also be available on Active Learn Bug Club.

Thank you in advance for all your help and support.

Yours faithfully, Mr Wisbey