



Daisy Class
Class Newsletter
Summer Term 1



Welcome back to the summer term, Daisy Class! Mrs Loader, Mrs Skinner and I hope you all had a fantastic and restful Easter break and are now feeling refreshed and energised for another jam-packed term! As we enter the final term of Year 5, (where has the year gone so far?) we will be focussing on consolidating our skills, increasing independence, continuing to work hard and, of course, having fun along the way. We have a trip to Cambridge along with preparation for our music festival to keep us busy, too!

English

We will be studying the book 'Children of the Benin Kingdom' by Dinah Orji. We will use this as stimulation for our writing in a variety of genres: diaries, letters, a survival guide and a non-chronological report about the Kingdom of Benin. We will be putting emphasis, not only on grammar, but also on spelling with discrete learning and practice time.

Following the completion of 'The Wonderling', we will look at 'Poems From The Second World War' curated by Gaby Morgan, which is filled with poems reflecting the horrors and personal experiences of soldiers, as well as the effects on their lives of their loved ones at home.

Maths

This half term we will start by exploring aspects of shapes and geometry such as reflection and translation then will building our knowledge of percentage fractions and their equivalence to other types of fractions; we will revisit written multiplication and division strategies and solve problems therein. We will look at scaling, conversion of metric and imperial measures.

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

Science

Our topic this half term is continuing our learning on 'Forces and Motion'. We will be looking more at how pulleys work by completing pattern seeking experiments. Afterwards, we will move on to our topic of 'Animals Including Humans' which will cover growing old, puberty and human gestation.



PE

PE with Mr. Webb will be focussing on athletics on a Thursday afternoon and netball with Mr Evans on Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure children have their full kit in school ready for these lessons. This includes appropriate footwear, black shorts and joggers, white tee and a jumper as our weather is unpredictable and our lessons will usually be outside.

Foundation Subjects

In history, we are studying the ancient Greeks in our unit 'What is the legacy of the ancient Greek civilisation?'. We will look at the different gods, governances, philosophies and democratic ways to understand their lasting impact on us today.

We are making self-portraits in art for our unit using paints and mixed media.

Our focus religion this half term is Our focus religion this half term is Hinduism, themed around the key question: Do beliefs in Karma, Samsara and Moksha help Hindus lead good lives?

In PSHE, our unit is Relationships which looks at which looks at different types of friendships, peer pressure, communicating with friends through social media and staying safe.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and should be back in by the following Thursday, please. It will include the following tasks:

- Doodle Maths daily 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. 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!