



# Sunflower Class Newsletter

## June 2026



Dear Parents and carers,

Hello and welcome back to our final term! This year has gone so quickly, and I can't believe we only have 7 weeks left of Year 3. This term is packed with lots of exciting learning and some wonderful summer activities, like Sports Day and our trip to Welwyn Roman Baths.

### Reminders

We have recently noticed a decline in the amount of reading children are doing at home. Regular reading is essential for building confidence, vocabulary, and a love of learning, so we encourage all families to make time for reading each day. Even a short daily session can make a big difference.

We have also seen an increase in children bringing toys and fidgets into school. These items are becoming a distraction to learning in class. Please remind your child that they should be left at home unless prior permission has been given by myself or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

### Curriculum Overview

#### 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.

To support learning at home, TT Rockstars and Hit the Button remain invaluable resources for practising and consolidating multiplication tables.

#### English

In English, we will be using *Jim: A Cautionary Tale* by Hilaire Belloc. Children will begin by exploring a range of scenarios and their consequences before considering the warnings given to the main character, Jim, about the possible outcomes of his actions.

Later in the term, the children will write a letter of apology from Jim to his Nurse and explore possible alternative endings to the tale. There will also be opportunities to learn and perform sections of the narrative poem before the children create their own cautionary tales.

#### Guided reading

In Guided Reading we will be continued to explore the fiction text, *A Necklace of Raindrops*. Through this text we will develop the children's fluency alongside their comprehension skills – Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval and Summarising.

### Foundation Subjects

This half-term in **Science**, we will continue our study of plant reproduction, including what plants need to grow, plant structure and functions, water transport, life cycles, and seed dispersal. Once we have completed this unit, the children will plan and carry out an investigation to help consolidate and recall their learning from across the year.

In **Computing**, we will continue our coding unit before completing our PowerPoint presentations, with a focus on online safety. We will also finish our Geography topic before moving on to **History**, where we will explore the question: What was important to the Ancient Egyptians? Pupils will learn about the origins of ancient civilisations, with a particular focus on Ancient Egypt, including its geography and the importance of the River Nile. They will explore the significance of the Rosetta Stone, Egyptian beliefs about gods, goddesses, and the afterlife, and use historical sources to investigate what mattered most to people in Ancient Egypt.

In **French**, we will learn the names of different verbs. In **DT**, we will be making our own juggling balls. In **RE**, we will explore the question: What is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God? In **PSHE**, our focus will be Changing Me. **PE** lessons will take place on Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

### **Reminders:**

#### **Uniform, water bottles and snack**

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children wear the correct school uniform; full details, including PE kit, are available on the school website. Children should also bring a named water bottle containing only water and a healthy fruit or vegetable for morning snack.

#### **Attendance and punctuality**

Children are able to enter the corridors from 8:45am and should not be on the playground before this time. The corridor doors close at 8:55am so children who arrive after this will need to sign in at the office and their late attendance can be registered accordingly. KS2 collection is at 3:20pm. The children will be dismissed in an orderly manner as I see parents. Parents must inform the office as soon as possible if there is a change to the collection arrangements, or if a child is unwell.

#### **Homework**

I will set homework on Thursdays. This year homework will be more streamlined with tasks to be completed online 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.

#### **Staff:**

I will be in class all week supported by Mrs Smith and Mrs Lawson. On Thursday afternoon Mrs McMillan, Mrs Smith and Mrs Lawson will take the class while I take my PPA time.

Please come and talk to me if you have any worries or questions. You can pass any quick messages through the member of staff on duty at the door but if you would like longer to talk I can be contacted through the office:

[admin@hillmead.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hillmead.herts.sch.uk) .

Thank you in advance for all your help and support. We are very much looking forward to a term full of exciting learning opportunities. We look forward to a very enjoyable year working in partnership with you in order to develop and nurture your children in their learning.

Miss Lynch