



HILL HOUSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

KS1 Michaelmas Term Newsletter

Welcome back! We would like to wish all of our families a warm welcome back to school. We have lots of really exciting things happening this term all linked to our Creative Curriculum topic "Once upon a time". Throughout the term, we will be using the story of the Jolly Postman by Janet and Allan Ahlberg as a stimulus for our learning. We will be exploring some of the traditional tales inside the story including Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Hansel and Gretel and Jack and the Beanstalk.

In addition to our curriculum overview there are a number of things for your information. This year all KS1 pupils will be swimming on Monday morning, so please bring your named swim kit in a bag.

Games for Year 2 will be on Wednesday morning and for Year 1 on Friday morning, all children should attend school dressed in their PE kit and bring their school uniform to change into.

Forest School will be: Week A, Year 2 Wednesday afternoon, Year 1 Thursday afternoon. Week B Year 1 Wednesday afternoon, Year 2 Thursday afternoon. We ask that you send in their wellingtons on these days. If you prefer, the wellingtons can stay in school but must be in a strong bag and hung on their coat peg.

In KS1 we operate a "Pick and Mix" style home learning, which we feel gives the pupils the opportunity to be more creative and choose activities that interest them. In addition to the daily reading and spelling practice, the children are provided with different tasks related to the current topic. They can produce their home learning in any way they wish and spend as much time on it as they wish. Of course, we encourage them to present their work as creatively as possible. Each half term we will stick the new "menu" into their planner.

The weekly timetable can also be found in the front of the children's planner, for your information. Additional information can be found on the Parents Notice board in the corridor and we remind all parents that any letters will appear on the website each Friday afternoon.

Please remember that all staff are available at 3.45 pm each day if you have any concerns or questions.

Yours faithfully

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Michaelmas Creative Curriculum Overview

Mathematics

This term the Mathematics curriculum will include place value, where we will be solving problems using number facts and our knowledge of place value. Addition and Subtraction, using concrete objects and pictorial representations to solve simple problems. Recognise and use the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction. Count in steps of 2, 5 and 10.

Literacy

Our topic will offer many opportunities to practise our writing skills. We will be describing journeys and localities, writing postcards and creating our own stories. In our daily English lessons we will be learning to pay more attention to making our writing the best we can in terms of spelling, punctuation and grammar! In phonics we will be identifying rules which can help us to make the correct spelling choices or at least the 'best bet'. We will continue to work on tricky words.

Science

Our Science work, this term, will link to the topic and we will be naming, describing and sorting materials. We will also discuss their properties using the correct scientific vocabulary. To extend our Science topic we will find out how the shapes of solid objects made by some materials can be changed by using different forces. This will link to bicycles as we investigate the forces involved to make them move and stop.

ICT

This term all pupils in KS1 will be focusing on using the mouse and keyboard keys with accuracy, logging on and off and accessing different selected icons on the desktop and menu.

Topic

We are going to begin by drawing our own picture map of the Jolly Postman's journey but through the course of the term we will learn how to use and draw a map using symbols and keys. The Jolly Postman is off on his travels and his destination is France. We are going to be learning about the physical and human features of this country and we will compare it to the United Kingdom. Linked to the topic we will be looking at the history of the bicycle and how the delivery of mail has changed over the years.

Art/DT

We will be designing a new post bag for the Jolly Postman. Developing our own set of criteria we will design bags using labelled diagrams. In the enhanced provision area there will be numerous construction STEM challenges to provide opportunity for children to challenge themselves and to persevere to gain the desired effect. The Art in this term will be to build on and develop new skills, with lots of colour mixing, close observation work and the exploration of many different mediums.

Drama

This term we will be increasing our spatial awareness particularly when working in small groups. We will continue to learn a set of movements and rehearse them in order, to gain confidence when performing.

French

We will continue to inspire a love of language in our pupils. The activities in French engage very active learning with games and activities that introduce, classroom commands, colours, numbers, food and parts of the body. We will also learn about the culture in France and will experience some French food and games.