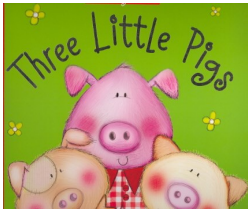


Nursery Newsletter



Spring Term 2

Welcome back to the Spring Term!



Topic News

'Amazing Animals!'

This term we have a 'Traditional Tales' focus embedded into our animal theme. We will be reading tales such as The Three Little Pigs, The Gingerbread Man and The Ugly Duckling. Please share some of these stories at home with your child. If you find different versions you can talk about the similarities and differences between them. For our 'topic finale' during the last week of term, we will be inviting parents to stay on and read their favourite traditional tales with the children.

YEL's

As part of the children's continuing literacy development we have this year introduced the 'YEL's! These are the Yearly Expected Learning skills that are a systematic progression of non-negotiable skills that we have for the children. They build upon each other term by term and provide an excellent way of focussing the children on what they are already doing well and what their next steps should be to ensure they make as much progress as possible in their writing. Key workers will talk more about these during parents evening.

Dates to Remember

22nd and 23rd February:

Parents evening with your child's key worker

1st March: 'Bears Magic Pen' Workshop

2nd March: English Parents Workshop Evening

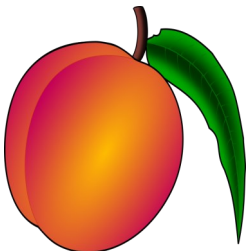
2nd March: World Book Day Dress Up—children to dress as their favourite book characters

13th and 14th March: Nursery trip to 'The Look Out' Centre in Bracknell

30th March: Easter Bonnet parade 9am and 2.30pm

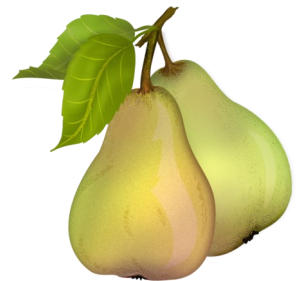
30th March: Last day of nursery for Easter

***Please look out for our home learning tasks in week 1, 3 and 4—letters will be sent home with more details about these at the time.**



New Class Groups

We are happy to say that the children in Peaches and Pears have settled in well. We ask all parents to support their children in self-help skills, such as toileting, putting on their coat, shoes and socks.



Nursery Trip to Bracknell

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to accompany us on the Nursery trip to Bracknell. Morning Nursery actually have too many parents now! Usually we welcome everyone who would like to come, but as we have only a certain amount of seats on the coach we will have to select parents on a first come first served basis. We will confirm places nearer the time. Also if you haven't already been to the office to give your details for the Safeguarding Check please do so. Parents without the required check will not be able to accompany us.

Spare Clothes

We would be grateful for any donations of socks and larger sized (aged 4-6) clothing for the nursery.

Any spare hats, scarves and gloves would also be gratefully received.

Thank you for your support.

Donations Please!

Please could we ask for donations of the following things:

- Boxes of tissues
- Baby Wipes
- Cardboard boxes and rolls
- Plastic pots, lids and bottles (all clean and rinsed please)

Clothing reminder

Please could we remind parents that the children should be dressed in clothing suitable for all kinds of physical and messy play! Please no 'special clothes'. We also encourage the children to be as independent as possible when going to the toilet, so **please ensure your child can manage their clothes themselves.**

To ensure that all children stay safe in school we do ask that all shoulder length hair is tied up (this applies to both boys and girls) and that no jewellery is worn. We encourage lots of physical activity and the clothing and footwear needs to allow the children to run and climb safely. To help with this please ensure your children are wearing sensible shoes for school.



PE Sessions



PE lessons will resume on a Monday 27th February. All children will be asked to remove their shoes and socks for this session. A reminder that suitable clothing is needed and we recommend a tracksuit or leggings and T-Shirt on this day. Please could we request that no tights or earrings to be worn on this day.

School Website

Please don't forget to check the school website for weekly updates from Nursery these include photos of the children and work that your children have been completing in school.

www.hillcross.merton.sch.uk

Full Time Nursery Places

We will be offering paid nursery places that will enable your child to attend our school nursery from 8.30am until 3.15pm in the Summer term 2017. The cost for this would £15 for the additional nursery session and £3 for the lunchtime session. If you are interested in this option please contact Mrs Ruth Short, School Business Manager (ruth.short@hillcross.merton.sch.uk) as soon as possible before all the places go!

The Early Years Foundation Stage's

Easter Hat Parade

Thursday 30th March 2017

Hazelnuts & Half of Chestnuts– 9.a.m.

Walnuts & Half of Chestnuts– 2.p.m.

This event will be held just before the Easter Holidays and will require **every child to wear a Easter hat or Bonnet, they have made at home.** There will be prizes for the top three most popular hats (chosen by the children). Time to get those Creative hats on!

