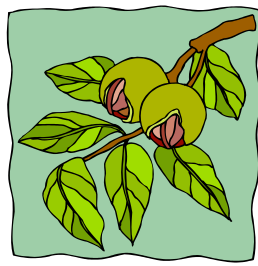
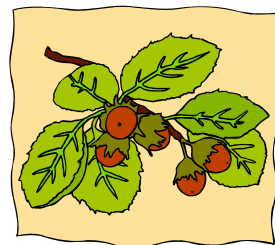


Reception



news



Summer term 1 2017

The topic for this half term will be.....

How does everything grow?

This topic has been chosen by the children and will focus on how things around us grow and change.

To inspire and excite the children we have launched the topic with a delivery of caterpillars that we must look after until they grow and change into butterflies. Through this topic we will also explore how humans grow and change by looking closely at our bodies and what is inside us. We will find out about the role of food and our lifestyles in ensuring we remain healthy. We will also be investigating environmental changes through the different seasons and how this effects our garden plants and the animals that live there. We have also secured a trip to Morden Hall Park to go mini beast hunting—more details of this and the small cost involved can be found on the Summer term trip letter.

Within Maths we will be deepening our understanding of ‘teen’ numbers by exploring their order (what comes before and after a given number); what each digit represents e.g.in the numeral thirteen the one represents one ten and 3 ones (this is called place value). We will also be continuing to explore addition and subtraction problems in real life situations.

There are many books and stories that link with our topic. We have chosen the following books to share in school: Jaspers Beanstalk By Mick Inkpen, George and Flora’s Secret Garden by Jo Elworthy, The Hungry Caterpillar and The bad Tempered Lady bird both written by Eric Carle, Funny Bones By Allan & Janet Alhberg and The Butterfly Kiss by Charles Fuge & Vicki Churchill.



We will also be using Non Fiction books to discover facts about lifecycles, our bodies and mini beasts. Please let us know if you find any other great books at home or in the library that link to the topic and send them in to school for us to share!



Full details of the Medium Term planning, which details the learning and skills we will be teaching can be found on the school website.

As a finale to our topic just before half term, we will be holding our very own Ugly Bug Ball in Daisy’s Garden. The date for our Ugly Bug Ball Finale is **Wednesday 24th May 2017**. Please help your child decorate/create a Bug costume to wear to school on this day—they can also wear this costume to the Summer time ball after school (tickets for this event sold separately by FOH). Just as ‘George and Flora’ do in the books by Jo Elworthy, we will be eating naturally grown and produced foods that are delicious to eat. We will also be asking for donations of fruit and vegetable dishes that we can eat at our party e.g. courgette cup cakes, or carrot and cucumber kebabs. Please remember to send in the ingredients so we can ensure its safe for everyone to eat.

Lets have some fun!



Dates to Remember

Monday 1st May- Bank Holiday- SCHOOL CLOSED

Morden Hall Park Trip

Walnuts: Tuesday 9th May 9am -12pm

Chestnuts: Tuesday 9th May 12pm - 2.30pm

Hazelnuts: Wednesday 10th May 12pm - 2.30pm

ALL CHILDREN WILL NEED A PACKED LUNCH ON THIS DAY. Please let us know if you can help on these trips. Thank you.

Wednesday 17th May

EYFS Sports Day

All Reception children will be involved in both the AM and PM session so please choose one to attend.

Week 6: Monday 22nd May– Whole school Science Day.

Wednesday 24th May– Ugly Bug Ball

All children can come to school dressed as a bug. We will be holding our ugly bug ball across the whole day.

Wednesday 24th May– EYFS Summer time Ball—3pm-4.15m *letter to follow with more details.*

Monday 29th May – Friday 3rd June. Half Term. School closed all week.

Monday 6th June– School re-opens.

Tuesday 7th June—Class photographs

REMINDER

Please name all items of your children’s clothing. We had a number of cardigans and jumpers left over from last term without names. Could we also ask that if you purchase jumpers or cardigans from our Second Hand Uniform sales that you change the names inside these to your child’s name. This way we can be sure to return the items to the correct person.

Many Thanks

EYFS Family Summer Trip 2017

Wednesday 21st June

Every year the EYFS hold a summer trip to an exciting location. This year we will be visiting Hobbledown!

For this trip we invite parents, younger siblings and any other family members to join us on the day out at a discounted rate to normal admission. Initial letter to book places will be coming home soon.

Thank you!

Thank you all once again for the Sponsored Pedal Push money you all raised back in October 2016. We have e now had our four new bikes delivered and the children are thoroughly enjoying them.



We also wanted to say a big thank you for all the regular donations of recycled materials. The children love to make and build with all the things we throw away! Please keep all your donations coming.



EYFS Graduation

As the children come to end of their Reception year we hold an Early Years Graduation to celebrate the end of their Early Years experience. This Years Graduation ceremony will take place on:

Thursday 13th July 2017 at 6pm

There is no need to book tickets to this event but we do only offer **2 tickets per family** initially. The event will have a strict dress code of smart dress (for children, staff and families), so dress to impress! The event will involve the children coming onto stage to collect their Learning Journey books and annual school report, presented by Lisa Francis, our Headteacher.

The event usually last approximately 1 hour and is not always suitable for siblings to attend so we would advise, where possible, parents attend with their reception child only. There will be refreshments to purchase and your child's Graduation photograph will be available for you to buy. Money from the sale of these items will go towards the on-going development of the outside learning environment.

EYFS Sports Day

On **Wednesday 17th May 2017** we will be holding our Annual EYFS Sports fun day. This event involves the reception and nursery children competing in their house teams through a range of different sport style events. The activities are fun and some have a competitive element where the teams score points for their houses. Each child will be required to wear the colour that matches their house team on the day—if you do not have anything in the required colour please let us know as soon as possible as we can usually help with this. If you are unsure of which house team your child is in please check your child's Home school communication book. All children can come to school dressed in their school PE kit for this day; black shorts, house coloured T-shirt and trainers. **Please make sure you apply sun cream before sending them to school and ensure they have a clearly named bottle of water and a sun hat.** The events will be held at **9.15am and 1.45pm**. All reception children will be involved in both events so please come to either one or both!

Summer Is Here!

Hopefully we are going to have another lovely warm summer and children will begin to wear their summer uniform:

- **Grey school shorts** or skirt
- **Pink or Red checked** summer school dress
- **White or maroon** polo shirt
- **School Logo** jumper or cardigan
- **Black shoes** or black **close toed sandals**



Please ensure that sun cream is applied before the children start school.

If you would like your child to re-apply sun cream at lunch time, the lotion must be sent into school in a named bottle and the children will be given time before lunch to apply this **themselves**. Please note staff cannot apply sun cream so please ensure your child is able to do this independently.

As the warmer weather arrives we also ask that all children should have a sun hat in school. Please ensure this is clearly named. Children without a sun hat will be asked to stay inside or in the shade during the afternoon session.

Thank you!

P.E. Mondays

PE will continue to take place on a Monday. All children are required to take part in this session.

Children must come to school in their school uniform and bring their PE kit in a separate bag to change into. Their PE kit should include:

- White PE top with Hillcross Sports logo
- Black PE shorts (NO LEGGINGS) OR
- Black tracksuit bottoms
- Maroon PE jumper with Hillcross sports logo.

Children will also now need **OUTSIDE trainers**. Please be aware that children cannot wear indoor plimsoles outside for safety reasons.

Please could we also remind everyone that children will need a summer hat in school during the summer term. They will need to wear this during our PE sessions outside.

WE NEED YOU!



EYFS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

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We are continuing to develop our outside learning environment and really need to find cheap and recycled resources to use in the EYFS playground and learning areas.

If you are a builder, decorator, gardener, plumber or mechanic or know somebody who is then please ask them if they help by donating the following items. Please let us know if you can help in any way. Thank you.

Mud Kitchen



Our mud kitchen is a perfect place for the children to make mud pies! They love to dig and investigate the mud area. To help the children continue to create and explore we are always looking for donations of:

Cake trays
Saucepans

Cooking utensils; sieves, spatulas, masher etc.

So, if you are throwing away any old utensils please send them in.



Water play

Another area which the children love to explore and investigate is our water play area. This area is very popular in the summer and the new partitions and tools we purchased last summer have been a huge hit. To help us develop this area further we are always looking for the following items:

Plastic tubes or pipes and connectors

Guttering

Sieves, funnels

Watering cans

Buckets of all sizes



Builders area and Garage

These areas are used daily through all seasons! Because they are well loved they do need constantly updating and new resources purchased. If you have any of the following items please donate them:

Large paintbrushes (new or very clean)

Tools

(plastic toy ones as well as any real tools which are not dangerous to hold such as levels, retractable tape measures, files, spanners)

Cones/safety signs

Decking planks

Plastic crates

Cable drums

Wheel barrow

