



# Hillcross Primary School

## Nursery Newsletter

### Spring 2 2021

#### Welcome Back

Hello everyone, we hope you are all safe and well. We would like to welcome you back to learning this term, whether you are taking part remotely or coming into school. We have been so impressed with the persistence and hard work all our children have shown in their home learning and we would like to thank our parents for their continued support. For those children who have been coming into school, there have also been lots of changes and adaptations to their in-school experience and we are extremely proud of the way they have adjusted to these.

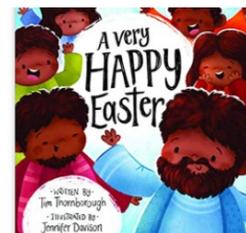
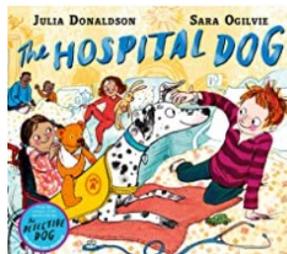
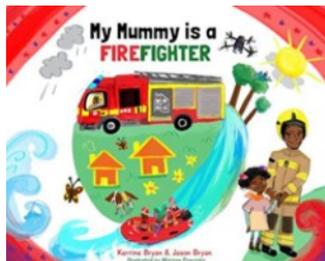
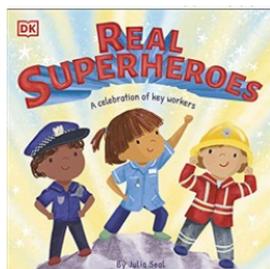
We look forward to being able to see everyone return to school again very soon, but until that happens please do take care, stay safe at home and if you have any queries or concerns please contact us via our school office email: [info@hillcross.merton.sch.uk](mailto:info@hillcross.merton.sch.uk)

#### Belongings

If your child is currently attending school, please ensure that all their belongings are clearly labelled. This helps to reduce the anxiety of losing items and ensures a smoother process at the end of the day .

#### Topic News

This half term we start with Maths week across the entire school. The focus is 'Maths is everywhere, Maths is for anyone' and we will be planning an immersive maths curriculum all week. The children will become Mathematicians and be exploring maths in all it's different forms. We hope the children will enjoy their activities and that it will help to create confidence in this area of learning. From week 2-6 our class topic is 'Helping Hands' and we are going to focus on the lives and routines of different people in our community who help us. Including our NHS heroes, police and other frontline workers. See below our book list.



**Week two:** will be an overview of people who help us in our community-including teachers, dentists, surgeons, shop assistants our parents and grandparents. The aim is to help children see the link between these real life roles and superheroes and to encourage aspiration and understanding that they can be anything they want to be - to aim high and achieve! In Maths we will be making a tally chart of the jobs we know and would like to do when we grow up.

**Week three:** we are celebrating Mothering Sunday, our chosen book is My Mum is a Firefighter. We will also be using our imagination to make up a firefighter's adventure story using lots of action words. In maths we will be looking at emergency services numbers and our house numbers as well as signs and shapes.

**Week four:** introduces Julia Donaldson's Hospital Dog, where we will explore the role of animals who help us. Guide dogs, pets, police and hospital dogs. We hope to initiate lots of language from the children with some hospital role play opportunities and a visit from our school dog Willow- where the children will be learning the skill of asking questions to find out about her routines and care.

**Week five:** will be very exciting as we have a visit from our local met police officer Sandra Wood, who will be talking to the children about keeping safe and her very important role in our community. Our maths will focus on all things policing as the children will be making police badges to include their id numbers, recording times of crimes and counting out stolen coins!

**Week six:** brings us to our Easter celebration, where we will find out about this special Christian festival. We will be having an Easter egg hunt and explore shapes and pattern to design our own Easter eggs and cards.

We hope you enjoy the term's learning , Best wishes , the Nursery Team.