



HILLCROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 2 Spring Term Visits & Activities

During the Spring term we will be providing our Year 2 children with two exciting on site experiences to inspire and widen their knowledge and understanding linked to our Spring term topics which are 'Eye of the Storm' (before half term) and 'SURVIVAL!' (after half term).

During the Weather topic as part of our cross-curricular learning we will be investigating extreme weathers and the impact this can have. We will look at tornados, volcanos, tsunamis and oil spills to look at the impact on the environment. This will all link into the next half terms topic of SURVIVAL!

Our Spring 2 term topic is entitled SURVIVAL! This includes learning about Bear Grylls and his survival techniques. Our science topic will look at the effects of exercise on our bodies and how we can keep fit and healthy. We will be having a year group campfire night, where we would like to invite parents, grandparents, careers and siblings, to join in with storytelling and hot chocolate around the fire.

Science Dome

Tuesday 24th January 2017

Our experience this half term is based upon our geography aspect of the topic which is comparing climates and the impact this has. We will have a visit from the 'Science Dome' which the children will be having a talk on weather- they will be able to go inside the dome and have a virtual experience linked to our weather topic with the safety of the dome.

Year 2 Campfire Night

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During the second half of the spring term, when hopefully we will have some dryer evenings, a campfire night will take place on **a date decided closer to the time (weather dependent)**. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the Year 2 community at Hillcross to get together and tell stories with the children, share hot chocolate, all whilst sat around a nice warm fire. This will be part of our survival topic- which will include elements of survival outside!

Children will need to be picked up at the usual time of **3.00pm** this day and then return to school for **5.00pm** accompanied by an adult (and family) for the Campfire session. It will finish at approx. 6.00pm but it will be an open session where you may come and go between the times.

You are invited to make a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of your child taking part in the educational visits detailed above. The total cost of visits and activities for the Spring Term is **£5**. We confirm that the contribution represents our estimate of the costs shared equally amongst all pupils. No child will be excluded from the visit through an inability to pay, but if there are insufficient contributions then the visit may have to be cancelled. Please come and speak to us if you are having any difficulties in making this payment.

All contributions and permissions must be given via ParentPay by **Tuesday 31st January 2017**.

Yours sincerely,

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