



HILLCROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 3 Summer Term Visits & Activities

During the summer term we will be exploring the topic, 'Secret Garden'. During this topic we will be identifying and describing the functions of different parts of flowering plants. We will also explore what plants need to grow and survive. Additionally, we will complete a range of experiments to test our predictions and theories and record our findings on these. During the topic, we will investigate how water is transported in plants and look at the life cycle of plants. This will include pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.

In order to develop your child's knowledge and understanding of this topic, we will be visiting **Morden Hall Park on Wednesday 24th May 2017** to explore where plants grow in this area, what they need for growth and also identify some of the common plants in this park. We will also spend some of the day sketching as this links to our art topic- so all-in-all a relaxing yet informative outing which we are sure the children will thoroughly enjoy.

As we will be walking to the park and completing a self-led session, we only ask that each child brings £2 on the day of the trip to spend at the garden centre. The plants we purchase will be planted in our school allotment (by the children) the following day. This will then give us the opportunity to see how plants grow over the summer term. Who knows, you might even a flower or plant as a gift at the end of the term.

We will leave school at 10:00am that morning, complete some activities, have lunch at Morden hall Park then return after lunch. Collection will be at 3:10pm as usual. Your child will need to wear appropriate clothing for the weather that day. As we will be having a picnic at the park, your child will need to bring a packed lunch that day. Please include two drinks as they might get thirsty.

If you are interested in supporting on this trip or would like to help plant on the Thursday, please speak to your child's class teacher. We need at least 3 parents per class for each of these visits. Please note you will require a DBS (previously CRB) or List 99 check in order to join us.

Yours sincerely,

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Year 3 Class Teachers

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