



Hill Avenue Academy

Newsletter



Welcome Back!

It is our pleasure to welcome back our Year 1/2 children back into school. The way they have returned has been phenomenal and they have settled straight back into school life seamlessly.

Whilst the circumstances are different, the children over the course of the first few weeks have demonstrated high standards in their attitudes to learning picking off from where they left off when previously in school.

We can not wait to continue their education this year and their learning journey here at Hill Avenue Academy.

All the very best this year from:
Mr Harvey, Mr Gibbons, Miss Nair, Mr Cartwright and Mrs Evans.

Health and Hygiene

Children's wellbeing is always at the heart of what we do. In current circumstances we ask that children continue to maintain the procedures in place at school in order to stay safe and keep others safe too. As well as social distancing, we ask children to regularly wash their hands and sanitise them using anti-bacterial hand gel. In 1/2 we are really proud of the children and how well they have adapted to the 'new normal'. They have been fantastic role models for their younger peers too.

Please reiterate the importance of handwashing and social distancing at home too so that we can work together to continue to keep children safe.



P.E

All 3 classes have PE twice every week. This will be Thursdays and Friday for 2H, Wednesday and Friday for 1/2G and on Tuesday and Wednesday for 1N. Due to procedures set in place because of Covid, we ask that children come in their kits on the days they have P.E. This is primarily for hygiene purposes as well as comfort during physical activity.

Our school PE kit is white t-shirts and black or navy shorts with trainers or plimsolls. In the colder weather please can children wear dark tracksuit bottoms (navy or black) and a white t-shirt or plain black/ navy sweatshirt/hoodie. We ask that children refrain from wearing Football strips , logos, patterned or brightly coloured fashion clothing.



Homework/Reading

We would like to commend children's resilience through last term and would like to reiterate how proud we have all been of how well they have accessed home learning resources via our school website. These resources are still available to access for the children to do at home. In order to provide a contact free approach to homework, we will continue to use online learning as a way of issuing homework.

We are avid promoters of reading in 1/2 as well as developing their phonics skills, so we want children to continue to have access to reading material even at home. Unfortunately due to Covid, we are not able to send reading books home yet. In light of this, we will be giving children homework through EducationCity which will focus on their reading, maths and foundation skills. The National Curriculum spellings for each year group will also be on our website to access which the children will be set each week too.



Useful Links

School Website:

<https://www.hillavenueacademy.com/children/home-learning-page-hill-avenue>

YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCp1YU1_MXpxWdTytnsE40Wg

Soundcloud:

Secret Link is sent via parentmail

EducationCity:

<https://go.educationcity.com/>

TT Rockstars:

<https://ttrackstars.com/>

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Learning

Geography

In Geography children will develop their geographical understanding and location knowledge about their own community and identify some of the different features within their local area. They will use simple maps and basic symbols within a key and explore where in the world we live.

History

In History, children will learn about significant people in the past who have contributed to life today. They will explore the life of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole to find out about their roles and begin to make comparisons between life in the past and life at present.

RE

In RE, children will learn about what religion is and why it is important to people. They will identify the religions most commonly followed within our community and why they are important. Children will explore some of the important festivals and celebrations that people of different religions celebrate.

PSHE

In PSHE, children will be introduced to well-being and will identify ways to stay healthy. They will explore different physical activities that help them stay healthy and find out about hygiene. Children will also reflect on their own feelings and think about how they can be managed.

Curriculum enrichment

This term, children will visit their local area to develop an understanding of their own community. They will be visited by people within their local community who help us.



Key texts

Children will be introduced to a range of fiction and non-fiction texts so they can explore a variety of authorial techniques within traditional tales, information texts, instructions poems and stories from other cultures. The texts covered are;

- Can I Build Another Me? Story
- The growing story.
- Your Heart and Lungs (Science in Action)-information text.
- Funny bones story
- All about Christianity- information text
- How to Design and Make a puppet-instructions.
- The life of Florence Nightingale-Recount

Through the Keyhole

Science

In science children will investigate themselves, including, their senses, and explore some similarities and differences between them and their friends. They will learn about the human body and how it functions, grows and changes. Children will find out about a variety of animals and explore what carnivores, herbivores and omnivores are.

Computing

In computing, children will identify how our behaviour online can affect other people and explore the core values for keeping safe. They will learn about the use of algorithms, what they are and use simple instructions.

Design and Technology

In Design and Technology, children will be introduced to textiles and learn how to mark out, cut and join pieces of fabric together for an intended purpose. They will research different hand puppets and then design their own, considering; its purpose, functions and how it will appeal to other people. Children will use their skills to make their own puppet based on their design.

Art and Design

In art and design, children will identify a range of portraits including self-portraits. They will explore the art work of a famous artist; Vincent Van Gogh and reflect on his techniques when creating portraits. Children will use sketching skills to create their own self-portrait and begin to make comparisons between their own artwork and the work of others.

PE

In PE, children will develop their physical skills in story dancing and gymnastics. They will learn the importance of warming up their bodies and cooling them down and identify the affects it can have.