



Hill Avenue Academy EYFS 17.09.21

Welcome Back

It has been a pleasure to welcome all of our children to Hill Avenue as they begin their school journey with us. They are quickly beginning to adapt to new routines and have been busy exploring their new learning environments. The children have made an excellent start during their transition and are now beginning to settle into school systems and routines.

Thank you for all of your support and patience, during these early days. We really look forward to working in collaboration with you over the next year.

All the very best this year from the Early Years Team.

Useful Links

Hill Avenue Academy Website:

<https://www.hillavenueacademy.com/>

BBC Bitesize – Early Years:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zks4kmn>

Very shortly you will be given access to an online observation tool called 'Evidence Me' which staff use to showcase some of the super learning opportunities children complete in school. It is a great way for you to see the progress your child is making against their Early Learning Goals.



Twitter

Please follow the school's Twitter account for super snapshots of learning in school, latest news and useful information from external websites.

@HillAveAcademy



Homework

Children will have the opportunity to complete a home learning task each week. These will vary from week to week and involve creative tasks, early counting opportunities, and early reading opportunities. We would really appreciate your support with your child's home learning.

Reading

We are all avid promoters of reading and the development of phonetical skills in Reception. We follow a phonics scheme called Floppy Phonics. Very shortly children will be sent home with a reading book and we ask that you could share and enjoy this with them each week. Further information about reading will be communicated with you soon.

Physical Development

All children have access to our fantastic outdoor learning environment on a daily basis to encourage the development of physical skills. Additionally, children have a P.E session each week. Children can come to school in their P.E Kit on their P.E days. These will be communicated to you by your class teachers. Our school PE kit is white t-shirts and black or navy shorts with trainers or black school pumps. 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.

Forest School

We are very lucky to have access to a forest school on our school site. We ask that children wear wellies in forest school. They will need to bring these in a named plastic carrier bag.

Supporting your child with their early development

There are many ways that you can support school with your child's early development.

Here are just a few suggestions of things you can practice at home.

- Opening and closing zips/buttons on coats
- Recognising left and right shoes
- Independently cutting pieces of food
- Recognizing their name written down
- Using a tissue to blow nose
- Sitting cross-legged on floor
- Holding a pencil
- Hand hygiene after using the toilet
- Holding a book correctly

Working together

We really look forward to working together with you, and sharing some of your child's early learning achievements over the course of the year. Please feel free to contact a member of the team if you have any questions or queries. We look forward to inviting you into school over the course of the year for parent information meetings and learning together days.

Our learning this term

CLL

Children will listen to stories in small groups. They will learn how to use prepositional language through a range of practical learning opportunities. Children will develop their understanding of vocabulary linked to the topic and will be given lots of opportunities to use this in play.

PSED

Children will focus on forming relationships with new friends and with adults. They will learn about school routines and will begin to adapt to these. We will create opportunities such as circle time (in small groups) for children to share news/ideas to build their confidence.

PD

Children will be learning about hygiene, for example the importance of hand washing. In P.E children will be encouraged to develop dressing skills for example putting on own trousers and jumper. Children will begin to learn how to use scissors and other tools carefully.

Curriculum enrichment

Classroom environment changed regularly (home corner, three bears cottage, doctors surgery, fruit and vegetable store)
Goldilocks will make an appearance in the classroom.
Parents will be invited to join in with some phonics learning.
Making pumpkin soup.
Children will have weekly forest school sessions where they will have chance to explore our local environment.

Marvellous Me



Key texts

Marvellous Me
Goldilocks and the three bears
Elmer and the lost teddy
Funny bones
Pumpkin soup

We will also explore a range of non-fiction texts that relate to people who help us and keyworkers.



P.E/School Uniform

As we begin a brand new year, we'd like to politely remind you all about school uniform.

Could we ask that children come in their full school uniforms everyday unless it is their P.E day.

All school uniform should be labelled with the child's name (including coat, scarves etc).

Fruit and Milk

Children will have access to fresh fruit and milk each day which they will share with their friends in the classroom.

Children can also bring a water bottle into school which they will be able to access during the day. Please can these also be labelled with your child's name.

Literacy

In Literacy, children will listen to a range of stories. They will begin to name main characters in stories and begin to sequence events. Children will access a reading corner where they can choose stories to look at and will learn skills such as how to handle books carefully.

Mathematics

In mathematics children will learn to recite numbers to 10. They will be learning about ordering and comparing sizes by using objects from Goldilocks and the three bears. Children will learn about positional language and use this to describe Funny Bones characters. They will experiment with 2d shapes and use these to make pictures.

EAD

In Expressive Arts and Design, children will use various materials to create self-portraits and Elmer pictures. Children will join in with dancing and games linked to the learning theme that week. Children will be learning songs with actions for example the train song and the farmers in his den.

UTW

Children will be learning about special occasions such as birthdays and will have the opportunity to share these events with others. Children will learn how to use simple equipment in the classroom. Children will be learning about similarities and differences between people. Children will learn about their local environment. They will also be comparing past and present pictures.



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Mr. Hateley or Miss. Kahlon (DSL)

The school's Safeguarding policy can be viewed on our website.



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