



Hill Avenue Academy Years 1 and 2 Newsletter 17.09.21

Welcome Back

We would like to welcome back to school all our wonderful pupils. We hope they have had a fantastic summer holiday and are raring to get back into their exciting learning. The children have made a fantastic start to the new term and we are incredibly proud of them all! This term is going to be super as children immerse themselves in a range of learning opportunities ranging from: The Cadbury Family, Exploring the UK, Plants and much more. We look forward to working in collaboration with you this term.

Mr. Cartwright, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Harvey, Miss Nair and Mrs. Smith

Homework

Homework will be set on a weekly basis. It will be set every Thursday and returned the following Monday. Every week children will receive homework for English, Maths and Spellings. There will be opportunities for children to present their learning creatively, through written outcomes or online using the EducationCity programme. Every term children will also be given the opportunity to get creative for project based homework! Remember, if your homework is not completed by Monday, there is another chance to bring it in/ get it completed by Tuesday, if not, Mrs Verdi will be running a homework club at lunchtime in the library on Wednesdays.

Reading

Reading books and reading records will be sent home with the children so that they can read for pleasure independently or with an adult. Please complete a comment in the reading records when you listen to them read.

Spellings

Everyone will have weekly spellings to learn and will take part in a spelling quiz every Friday. Please help your child practice their weekly spellings to become a spectacular speller!

Useful Links

Education City homepage:

https://go.educationcity.com/?_ga=2.69989523.249103434.1631037512-792840821.1623433529

MyOn homepage:

<https://www.myon.co.uk/login/>

SpellingShed homepage:

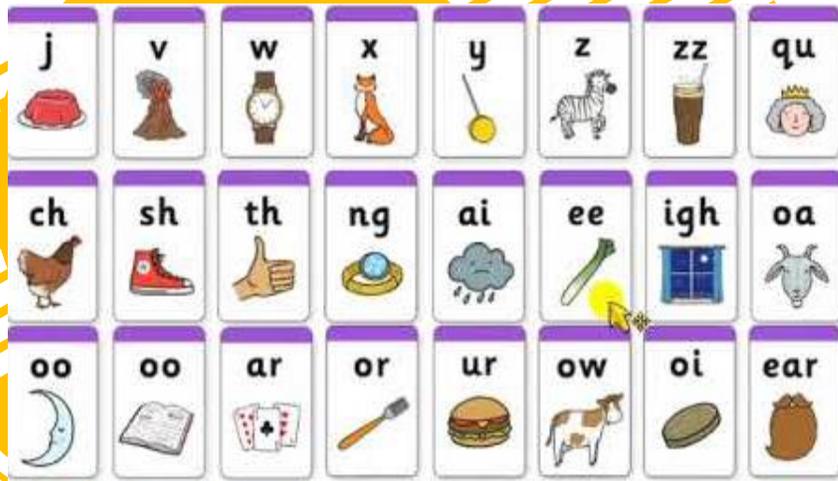
<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>



Twitter

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

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Phonics

This year, the children in Years 1 and 2 will continue to develop their reading skills through the teaching of phonics. This is an incredibly important aspect to support children in early reading. Children in Year 2 will undertake a *Phonics Screen Check* in late Autumn and Year 1 children will undertake the *Phonics Screen Check* in Summer 2022. Examples of previous Phonics Screen Tests can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials#phonics-screening-check-resources>

P.E./School Uniform

As we come back to a brand new year, we'd like to give you a polite reminder about school uniform. Could we ask that children come in their full school uniforms everyday unless it is their P.E day.

When they have P.E, we ask that they come in a white t-shirt, grey/black or navy jogging bottoms or shorts and black trainers or pumps. Thank you for supporting us with our uniform policy.

Our Learning this term

<p><u>Geography</u></p> <p>In Geography, children will be exploring and examining the UK. The children will explore the capital cities of each country within the UK to identify human and physical features. The children will look at, and create, their own maps of UK using their map skills.</p>		<p><u>Science</u></p> <p>In Science, children will explore plants. They will identify and name a variety of common plants including deciduous and evergreens. Children will identify the different parts of a plant and the function of each part. Children will investigate the growth of seeds through their own experiments over time using different variables.</p>
<p><u>History</u></p> <p>In History, children will learn about the past and present of the Cadbury family to learn about local history. They will explore the roles of local historical figures in the journey the iconic Cadbury product. They will explore key historical events from across time.</p>		<p><u>Computing</u></p> <p>In Computing, children will explore and create simple algorithms. From this, they will create their own simple programs. Also, the children will explore a range of algorithms within working games to test and debug.</p>
<p><u>RE</u></p> <p>In RE, children will learn about the bible within the Christianity faith. The children will explore the importance of the bible for Christians and the role it plays within the lives of Christians. From this, the children will learn about different significant religious stories and the morals we can learn from them.</p>	<p><u>Key texts</u></p> <p>Children will look at a range of fiction and non-fiction texts so they can explore different text types. These texts include: poetry, stories with familiar settings, information texts, adventure stories and reports. Some of the texts covered are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tiger who came to tea • Zog • Bible stories • Usborne Atlases 	<p><u>Design and Technology</u></p> <p>In Design and Technology, the children will research, design and create their own pop-up scene. Further to this, they will explore origami and the skills required to create them. The children will use a range of different equipment and skills to perform practical tasks against their design briefs to produce a final product.</p>
<p><u>PSHE</u></p> <p>In PSHE, children will explore physical and mental health as well safety. They will understand ways in which they can keep themselves healthy and the way they can manage their own emotions and feelings. Further to this, they will identify ways in which they can keep themselves in familiar and unfamiliar places.</p>	<p><u>Autumn Term</u></p> <p><u>Our Community</u></p>	<p><u>Art and Design</u></p> <p>In Art and Design, the children will explore the world of colour and tone. The children will explore primary colours and the role they play in creating different colours. They will explore how shades and tones can be created using a range of different materials and mediums. They will then use these techniques to create a final artistic piece to evaluate.</p>
<p><u>Curriculum enrichment</u></p> <p>This term, our children will be immersed within theme of chocolate across different subjects and the Cadbury family. It is our intention to visit Cadbury World to enrich the experiences our children have in their local area within our termly theme.</p>		<p><u>PE</u></p> <p>In PE, children will develop their physical skills in active play through development of movement, balance and co-ordination. Children will also be introduced to multi-skills within various games.</p>

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads:
Mr. Hateley or Miss. Kahlon (DSL)



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