



Hillcroft Primary School

Hillcroft News – Friday 1st May

Nurturing children to achieve their personal best

Nurture

Inspire

Strive



On Sunday we released a video message from the staff at Hillcroft for all the children. It is available on the website, and was shared on twitter and Facebook. Incredibly, within 16 hours it was viewed 1800 times on Facebook! We would like to thank you for the lovely feedback we have had, and reiterate the message in the video. We really miss the children and our daily routine, we hope we will all be able to get back to some form of normality in the near future. In the meantime, please keep in touch, sending in pictures of your home learning to share with the school community.

To date, the video has been viewed over 2800 times on Facebook alone. If you haven't seen it yet, please use the link below to view it on our website and share it with your children:

www.hillcroftschoo.org/47/news/article/53/count-on-me

Next week, Friday 8th May is a Bank Holiday. Please note there will be no virtual learning uploaded that day.

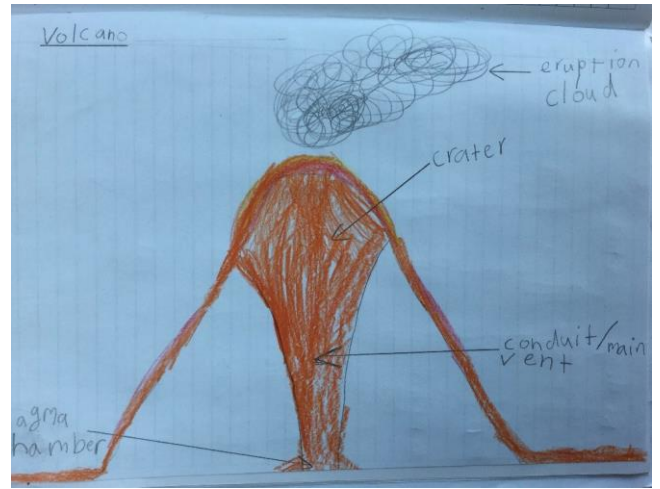
Geography

This term our curriculum school focus is Geography. Each year group has a different topic and they are learning about geography within that topic:

- Year 1 - Bright Lights, Big City
- Year 2 - Land Ahoy!
- Year 3 - Tremors
- Year 4 - Misty Mountain Sierra
- Year 5 - Allotment
- Year 6 - Frozen Kingdom

It has been great to see all the fantastic Geography learning you have been doing whilst at home. Whether you have explored volcanoes, map reading or learning about different countries or cities, it has been lovely to see you investigating the world and being young Geographers. We look forward to seeing more of your fantastic work! Please email pictures of your home learning to your class teacher or info@hillcroftschoo.org

Homelearning



Food from around the world..... learning which countries our food comes from



Columbia



Switzerland





TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Each week while the school is closed, children in KS2 have the chance to take part in weekly Times Table Rockstars Battles.

The Battle starts on Monday morning at 9am and finishes on Friday at 3pm.

Each week the battle taking place is slightly different. See below the results of some of our most recent battles:

 Year 3	14,634 13,050	Year 4	20 Apr 20, 09:00	24 Apr 20, 15:00
Year 5	9,443 23,273	 Year 6	20 Apr 20, 09:00	24 Apr 20, 15:00
 Year 3 Boys	9,948 7,664	Year 3 Girls	30 Mar 20, 11:14	03 Apr 20, 17:00
Year 4 Boys	10,209 13,596	 Year 4 Girls	30 Mar 20, 11:17	03 Apr 20, 17:00
Year 5 Boys	1,718 2,172	 Year 5 Girls	30 Mar 20, 11:20	03 Apr 20, 17:00
 Year 6 Boys	15,655 2,511	Year 6 Girls	30 Mar 20, 11:23	03 Apr 20, 17:00

To take part, all you need to do is log on to TT Rockstars and play! All games you play contribute to the final battle scores.

This week the battle is between different year groups: Y3 vs Y6 and Y4 vs Y5. At the time of writing the scores are:

Year 3	18,041 12,167	Year 6	27 Apr 20, 09:00	01 May 20, 15:00
Year 4	12,158 10,149	Year 5	27 Apr 20, 09:00	01 May 20, 15:00

You can clearly see that age is no advantage!! We have some very competitive players across all year groups. If this has spiked your interest and you need a reminder of your password then please email Mrs Gear on c.gear@hillcroftschoo.org

Next week's battle is going to be TEACHERS vs PUPILS. Good luck!

More Home Learning pictures – please keep sending them in, we love to see what you have been doing.



Home Learning

It has been wonderful to see some of you learning about the life cycle of a butterfly:



If you are interested in ordering a butterfly garden so you can watch the lifecycle of a butterfly you can order a kit from www.insectlore.co.uk,

Bird Box News

To view the Hillcroft Bird Box visit www.seenature.org.uk and click on live stream.

Our Blue Tit has been sitting on her eggs for a week now. We wonder when they will start to hatch?

Perform Drama Workshops

Perform have visited our school in the past with free drama workshops and we very much look forward to the next time they can come back in.

They have recently started Perform At Home - online drama classes for Reception to Year 6 children. These are 30 minute interactive sessions led by the Perform teachers in small groups featuring singing, dancing, storytelling and drama.

You can read more their workshops here: <https://www.perform.org.uk/classes-courses/perform-at-home>.

Perform currently offering a FREE TRIAL SESSION for any interested child. They will be exploring Peter Pan with KS1 and The Greatest Showman with KS2.

For further information, please call 0207 255 9120, email enquiries@perform.org.uk. You can also visit their website www.perform.org.uk.

Millers Ark Mobile Farm

Reception class were expecting a visit from Millers Ark Mobile Farm this term. They visited us last year, providing a fantastic hands on experience for the children.

During this unprecedented time, Miller's Ark have had to close the farm to the public and cancel all mobile farm bookings. As you can imagine their income has abruptly ended however they still have all their animals needing feed, veterinary treatment and daily care. They have been proactive and set up a Go Fund Me crowdfunding appeal (see link below) for anyone who can help and a subscription only newspaper to raise more funds.

The newspaper provides exclusive content, news and fun for all ages. Children's pages of quizzes, spot the difference and an interactive story "Dudley's Adventures"; a fantastic educational supplement reflecting the National Curriculum; and of course informative and interesting articles for the adults and older children.

They have put a huge amount of work in to their subscription only newspaper if you are interested in subscribing you can try one copy for £3 or four copies for £10. All money raised goes directly to the care of the animals.

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Thank you