



Hillcroft Primary School

Hillcroft News – Thursday 7th May

Nurturing children to achieve their personal best

Nurture

Inspire

Strive

VE Day – Friday 8th May

Victory in Europe Day, generally known as VE Day, is a day celebrating the formal acceptance by the Allies of World War II of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces on 8 May 1945.

Before coronavirus, lots of plans were in place, nationally and internationally, to mark the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. For now, it's thought that all former VE Day plans will be moved to be celebrated on the weekend of the 15-16 August, to coincide with VJ Day – which commemorates the surrender of Imperial Japan during World War II, if we are in a better position by then.

If you would like to celebrate and mark the occasion, we have VE Day Printables available on the website with templates to create your own bunting. These can be found on the Virtual Learning and Home Learning pages for each Year Group this week. There will be no virtual learning on Friday as it is Bank Holiday.



Hillcroft Big Draw

The theme for 2020's Big Draw is 'A climate of change'

Your challenge, is to use this title and create a piece of Artwork to be displayed upon our return to school. Given how the world has stopped driving, flying and is creating much less pollution during this period of lockdown, we wonder what changes we will see in the world around us? Have a look on Youtube for a video of animals in public spaces - where there would usually be too many people for them to go!

This can be anything you perceive to be art, but must be able to be mounted on a display. You may want to include a short written explanation regarding the meaning behind your piece of art. Please hand these in to your class teacher upon your return to school. Feel free to take a photo and send it in an email to your class teacher as well.

There will be awards given to 1 artist per year group and 1 overall winner. We look forward to seeing all your art and creating a fantastic display when we get back to school.



Thrive

Hillcroft is proud to be a Thrive School. Thrive is a whole school approach to working with the children. It helps adults to nurture supportive relationships with children so that the children are better able to cope with the ups and downs that life can bring. It includes online profiling which provides individual action plans, and offers comprehensive staff training.

We have 5 trained Thrive Practitioners at Hillcroft: Miss Summers, Mrs Hardcastle, Mrs Pearson, Miss Simons and Miss Harborne. Before the school closure Mrs Pearson and Miss Simons worked hard to relocate the Thrive room. It is now situated near the dining hall where Acorns used to be. We have a new sensory room and kitchen area and we look forward to being able to put it to good use when we return to school.



Mrs Pearson is going to create a Thrive Display Wall with photos of the children during lockdown and artwork they have made. If you have anything you think would be suitable please email them to Mrs Pearson: D.Pearson@hillcroftschoo.org – this is a different display to the art competition above.

Please contact Mrs Pearson if you are interested in having any Thrive work emailed home.

Community Art Project

In conjunction with the Westway Community and Wellbeing Centre an exhibition of work will be staged later in the year when we are back to normality.

'Thank You NHS' hearts for a community collage installation. A cardboard heart made from the back of a recycled cereal box (maximum size 5" x 5"). Any medium may be used to decorate and should be as colourful as possible but must include the text. **Open to all ages (1-100+).**

'A Day in Lockdown - What I Did Differently' - a photograph 7" x 5" to form part of a community photo collage. **Open Open to all ages (1-100+).**

'We Can Beat the Lockdown Blues' A painting, drawing or collage - any subject (maximum size A3) produced during the period of lockdown. **Open to all ages (1-100+).**

Please refer back to News 3 for full details – a copy can be found on the website.

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

At the time of writing this (8:55am on Thursday morning) I am delighted to say that the teachers are leading in this weeks TT Rockstars Battle....just!

It has been an amazing week so far which has seen no less than 23 members of staff participating and 87 pupils taking each other on in an epic battle. Special mentions must go at this stage to James Parish in Year 3 and Amelia Krawczyk in Year 5 who between them have contributed a massive 23,000 correct answers. Wow! Out of the staff members we must also mention Miss Fox, Mrs White, Mrs Cornwell and Mrs Gear. Clearly, they have too much time on their hands and have contributed a massive 33,000 correct answers so far.

Teachers

58,983 57,419

Students

Thank you so much to everyone who is taking part. The competition officially ends at 3:00pm on Friday 8th May so plenty of time to play if you haven't already.

Top Tip - Mrs Gear always likes to play with her favourite rock music in the background. TT Rockstars has a great selection in their playlist on the website. Have a try and see if it improves your time!

Look at how your sunflowers are growing:



Year 2 have created amazing Treasure Maps!



Evie



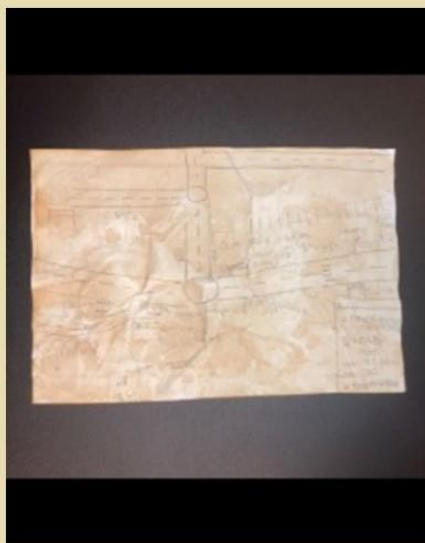
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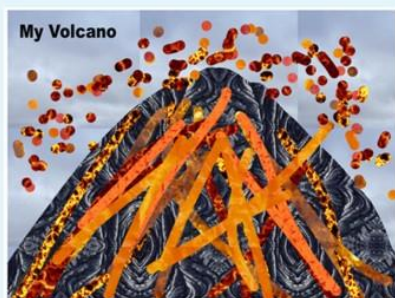


Tyler



Theo

Showing us Super Science



More amazing Treasure Maps!



Krish



Jenson



Alvin

More Learning:

Weather
Weather is a description of what the conditions are like in a particular place at a particular time or example it could be:

- Hot or cold
- Wet or Dry
- Windy or Calm
- Stormy with thunder or lightning

Climate
Climate is a description of the average weather conditions in a certain place for the past 30 to 50 years. Climate is influenced by lots of different things including:

- How near or far it is to the equator
- How near or far it is from the sea
- How high or low the ground is
- Its position on a continent

Climate change
The climate on the Earth has been changing since the beginning of time. The climate has been changing from hot to cold, from dry to wet, from sunny to cloudy, from windy to calm, from stormy to calm, from hot to cold, from dry to wet, from sunny to cloudy, from windy to calm, from stormy to calm.



Enjoy the Bank Holiday Weekend, we will upload more virtual learning from Monday.