



# Hillcroft Primary School

Hillcroft News – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

**Nurturing children to achieve their personal best**

**Nurture**

**Inspire**

**Strive**



We hope everyone enjoyed a restful half term and that you were able to make the most of the wonderful weather.

We have been working hard preparing the school in readiness for a staggered reopening. We are still open for the children of our keyworkers and look forward to welcoming our reception children back from Wednesday, the start of our phased return.

Our planning has been underpinned by two key principles:

- The safety of our children, our students and our staff is paramount; this includes their mental, emotional and physical wellbeing. All our decisions are led by the welfare of children and staff, guided by the latest advice from government, PHE and other scientific evidence
- We must continue to provide children and students with the best quality learning that we are able to, given the circumstances.

It is important to note that the reopening of schools is subject to the government's 'five key conditions' being met and will be reviewed by the Government. Updated guidance from the Government, PHE and other scientific advisers is being published daily and may cause us to review plans. Any new cases of Covid-19 amongst our children/students and staff may also impact our ability to reopen the school. **Therefore it is important to understand that the plans set out may be subject to change.**

We would like to thank you for your understanding and flexibility in this difficult, fast changing situation. We would also like to thank you for the great effort that has gone into home learning over the school closure so far.

Please note there will be **no Home Learning set on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June or Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June**, these are INSET days for staff training prior to our phased return. Thank you.

We have been sent some very useful resources to help us support your children to have a successful return to school. The SWAN framework uses the analogy of a swan gracefully gliding along the surface of the water, whilst in fact they are frantically paddling beneath the water. We do not know all the answers yet but we'll find them out together.

Please use the link below to access free resources and ideas about supporting our children to return to school.

<https://elearning.creativeeducation.co.uk/courses/support-a-safe-successful-return-to-school-using-the-swan-framework/>



## Grounds4Nature Schools BioBlitz 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020

The Grounds4Nature Schools BioBlitz is back again this year, however with schools affected by COVID-19, they have developed different ways for children to take part: either at school with their teachers in the school grounds, or at home with their family in their garden.

The event will involve spending an hour or two searching for as many different types of wild plants and animals you can find, to record what species inhabit the local area. Full instructions on how to take part at home are attached separately and can be found on the school website in the letters section.

## The Surrey Wellbeing Partnership

The Surrey Wellbeing Partnership (a group of voluntary sector organisations working together to help improve the wellbeing of Surrey children, young people and families) is working together with the NHS to empower parents to meet the emotional needs of children, young people and families during the pandemic.

Feedback from schools and charity colleagues has been that parents are actively seeking support, so that they can more effectively support their children during the COVID-19 pandemic. In response, The Surrey Wellbeing Partnership have developed a Facebook page where they are offering parents an opportunity to focus on what really matters for their children right now. Each week Dr. Kathryn Hollins, a Consultant Parent, Child and Family Psychiatrist and Psychotherapist, will be sharing ideas and tips on how to meet the emotional and developmental needs of our children during this difficult time. Being supported as parents is key to children's health and wellbeing. More than ever, it is crucial for parents to meet their own needs, so that they are able to meet the needs of their children. These postings for parents are a way of reaching out to the families of Surrey to say 'you are not alone', we can all support each other in getting through the pandemic together.

Please follow this link to [The Surrey Wellbeing Partnership facebook page](#) The page will be regularly updated with new tips and advice.

## Mental Health Awareness Week 2020

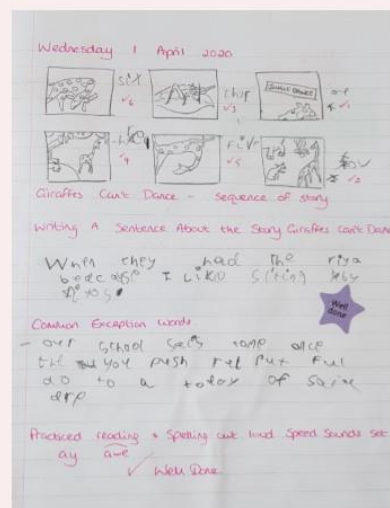
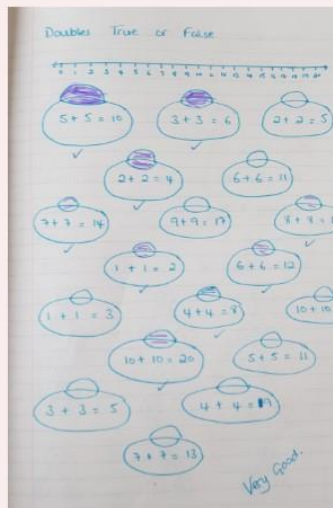
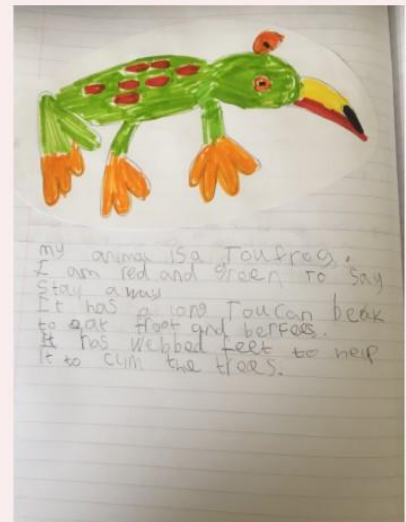
In our last newsletter we highlighted how helping others is good for our own Mental Health and Wellbeing. It can help reduce stress and improve emotional wellbeing.

On your daily exercise you may have come across brightly painted rocks placed to brighten everyone's day.

Sammy and Lenny painted 'add your name rocks' and were delighted to find so many people had added their names to the rocks when they went back to look. Small acts like this help to brighten a day. Well done boys - you made someone smile!



# Year 1—Home Learning



Great examples of multiplying and dividing, learning about different countries and recycling.

Please keep sending examples of your home learning in.

## Year 2—More amazing Pirate Costumes, Treasure Chests and Ships

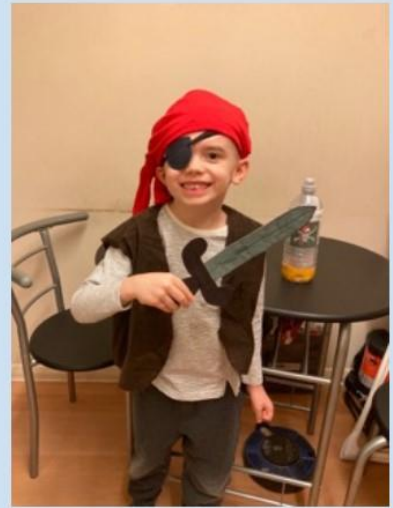


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Thank you for sharing your home learning with us



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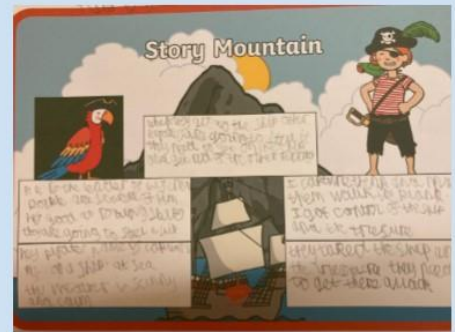
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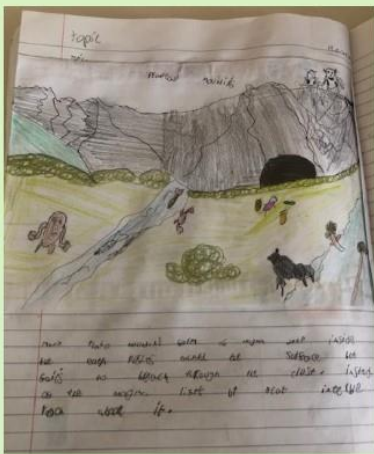
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## KS2 Home Learning



Lenny watched the life cycle of a frog—can you see the froglet?



Max in Birch has been working extremely hard with his handwriting whilst in lockdown. It is looking beautiful!

## **30 Days Wild**

This June, join thousands of people who will be taking part in The Wildlife Trusts annual nature challenge, 30 Days Wild!

Do one wild thing a day throughout the whole month: for your health, wellbeing and for the planet. That's 30 simple, fun and exciting Random Acts of Wildness.

If you sign up you will get a free, downloadable pack of goodies to help you plan your wild month, plus lots of ideas to inspire you to stay wild all throughout June (and beyond!). For extra 'bonus' items, keep an eye on your emails for additional, fun activities, from instructions for baking hedgehog cupcakes to a beginner's guide to wildlife photography.

To sign up follow the link: <https://action.wildlifetrusts.org/page/57739/petition/1?locale=en-GB> or you can use the resources that have been saved on our website under the home learning tab in each year group.