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Friday 15th January 2021

Welcome to Spring term at Hillcroft... what a very strange start to the year it has been!

Firstly, we hope you had a safe and enjoyable Christmas break. Following the government's school closure announcement we were sad not to be able to see all your children's faces on the playground after the INSET day, and greet you at the gates as we normally would.

Luckily – thanks to modern technology – we have been hearing from many of you about your child's learning and this week Maple class trialled a Google Classroom meet. It was truly wonderful to see so many of our children engaging in this; hearing about their Christmas experiences and how they are finding Home Schooling life. From next week, all classes will be able to meet their teacher through this platform, and we can't wait to see and hear from you all.

We would like to thank all of you for sending in your children's learning –over the next few pages the teachers have celebrated this... we hope you enjoy seeing what the children have been learning about, as much as we did.

We wish you a very safe weekend,

Miss Summers

Welcome...

We welcome Tara Copard and Jacki Clevett to our Hillcroft community. Tara and Jacki are our new Family Link Workers and are here to provide our children and families with practical and emotional support.

Please see the following link to more details: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/11SfzZ-76vYXiSB_XNemNGuYpMMj\\$NYl6/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/11SfzZ-76vYXiSB_XNemNGuYpMMj$NYl6/view?usp=sharing)

Should you wish to contact them, their emails are as follows:

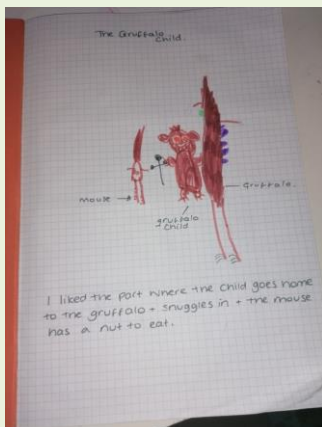
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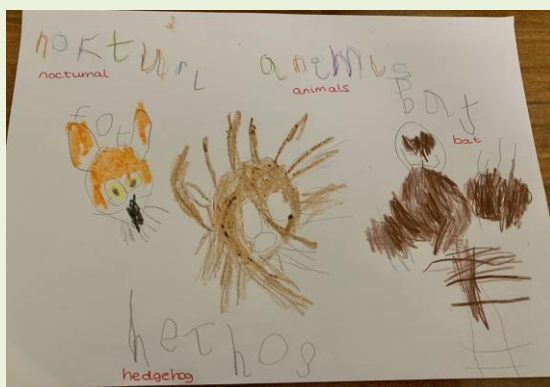
Lovely learning...

Over the last two weeks we have received some wonderful learning from children – below are just a few examples!

Fir: Well done Ellie for this amazing piece of work on the Gruffalo's Child, I like the way you have drawn the 3 main characters and you have explained the part of the story you like best in a full sentence. Keep up the fantastic work.



Ash: This week we read the story 'Owl Babies' and we learnt all about nocturnal animals. Rory has created a poster showing many different nocturnal animals; he has drawn some great pictures and has really listened to the sounds in each word when labelling them!



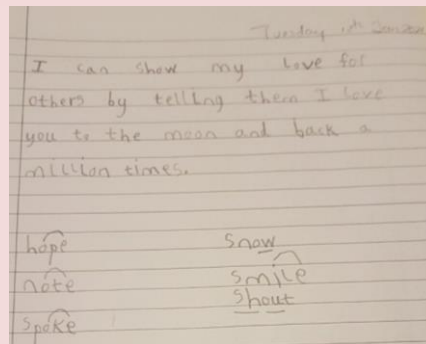
Elm: Darcie has tried really hard to form her numbers correctly and to write number sentences to show the different number bonds to 10. Well done!



Beech: In science, Oscar wanted to draw around his own body and label it. He was able to spell nearly all the words himself. He has been sending in all his work daily as well doing other activities like bird watching. Well done Oscar!



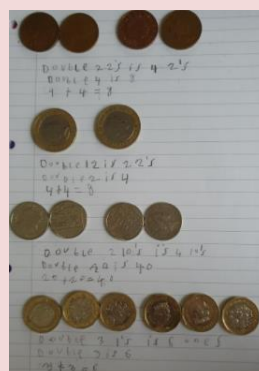
Willow: Heyan has completed some lovely writing from our English lesson - beautifully presented and he has really taken his time with it. His RWInc is also very neat and clear.



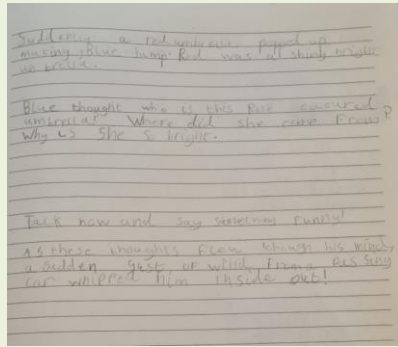
Sycamore: This lovely learning is from Molly. We started learning about doubling numbers and using objects from around the house to double. Then we had to write the number sentences – well done Molly!



Chestnut: In Maths, we have been learning about doubling. Dameon completed some excellent learning using coins to show his understanding of this. Well done!



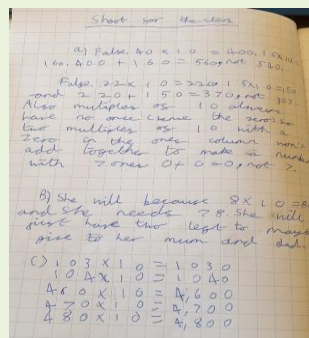
Maple: Harrison in Maple has been working so hard with his English. Following our new approach, he is carefully planning his sentences and using excellent vocabulary to write a story. Well done!



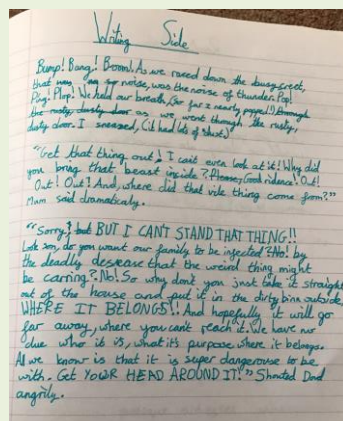
Rowan: We have been learning about where people lived in the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages and Alan decided to further his learning by building a Lego cave complete with caveman and cavewoman. Well done Alan!



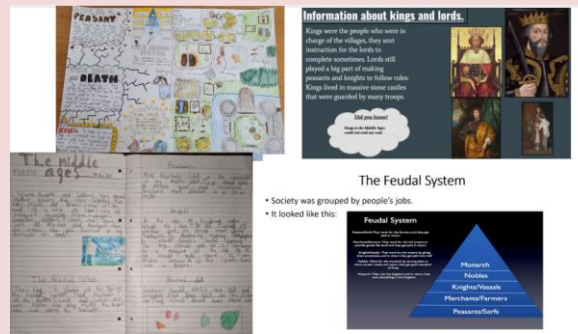
Birch: All of Birch class have been working hard on their Maths learning. This is James' learning; he has spent a long time writing detailed explanations to show his depth of understanding – well done James!



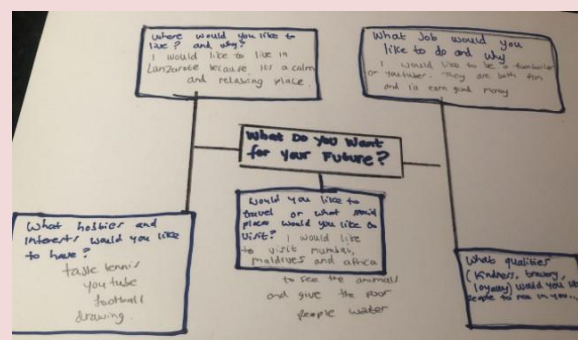
Cedar: Mrs Scott and Miss Burningham have chosen to show the lovely writing that the children have completed in their English lessons. This piece is from Amy, she has worked hard at using the success criteria effectively, and her handwriting is beautiful! Well done, Amy!



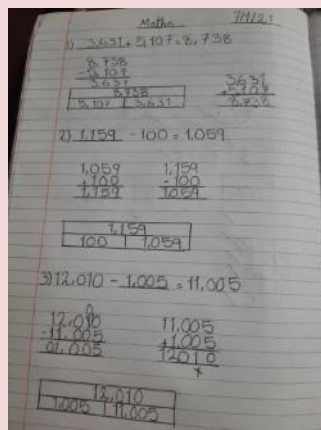
Aspen: Children in Aspen class have been working hard to research life in the Medieval times and have created detailed fact files and posters about this. Well done everyone, these are just a few examples!



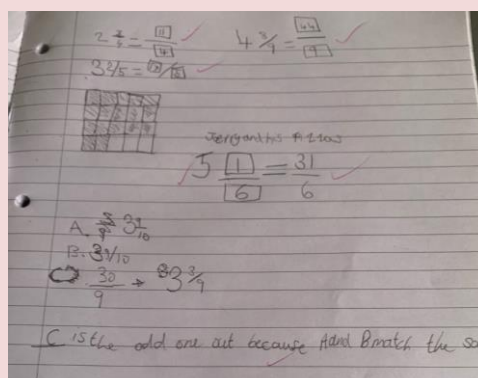
Larch: Following Monday's PSHE assembly, Max thought very carefully about his dreams and goals and created this wonderful mind-map. Keep up the hard work, Max!



Oak: Oak has been revising their mathematical skills. This is Victory's learning, where she was able to apply her knowledge of the four operations in a variety of ways. Victory always ensures that her presentation of her work is beautiful. Well done Victory!



Acer: Acer has been completing some lovely learning this week in Acer. This is Jamiella's Maths where she has used stem sentences to help her understanding and marked her learning using the answer videos. She has really persevered with fractions this week – well done!



Key Dates for Spring Term:

INSET - Currently, our INSET day on Friday 12th February will be going ahead, with the school closed to all children.

Parent's Evenings – these are scheduled for the week beginning the 15th March. More details will follow, nearer the time.

Other News!

Families LSB:

The January and February edition of Families London Surrey Borders is now available through the following link: https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/famjan-feb_lsb?utm_source=BenchmarkEmail&utm_campaign=Distribution_Points_Mag_Link_Jan%252fFeb&utm_medium=email

Family Learning:

Family Learning provides free online parenting courses for parents and carers, including grandparents, who lack confidence or are struggling to support their children with school, homework or behaviour issues.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions they are currently unable to work directly in schools and other community venues and their courses have transferred online via Zoom.

Below is the link to Family Learning's [bulletin: https://mailchi.mp/8f360ed0e081/family-learning-parent-bulletin-733044](https://mailchi.mp/8f360ed0e081/family-learning-parent-bulletin-733044)