



Hillcroft Primary School

Nurturing children to achieve their personal best

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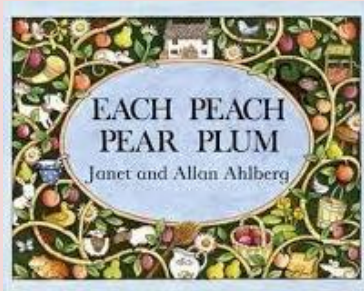
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Friday 5th March 2021

We hope you have had an enjoyable last week of our remote provision. We are so excited to welcome the children back to school on Monday, and are looking forward to settling them back into their daily routines; ensuring that they are safe and happy.

This week we celebrated World Book Day. The children had a fantastic day, filled with lots of fun learning linked to the wonderful world of books! Indeed, all of the teachers shared their favourite books with the children through an assembly – I choose ‘Each Peach Pear Plum’; my mum would read it to me every night as a child and I knew all the words and could recite the whole story off by heart!



I would like to thank Miss Fox – Hillcroft’s Reading Lead – for all her hard work on making World Book Day such a memorable day.

This week we have also opened our Parents’ Evening booking system for Parents’ Evening, which begins on Monday the 15th March. A letter was sent out about this, but if you would like further guidance on how to use the system please follow this link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/17fh8dp7pbxvRLj_TdBX3m7nkOPFTfyqr/view?usp=sharing

We wish you a very safe weekend, and cannot wait to see you on the gates on Monday morning!

Miss Summers

Key Dates

w/c 15th March – Parents’ Evening

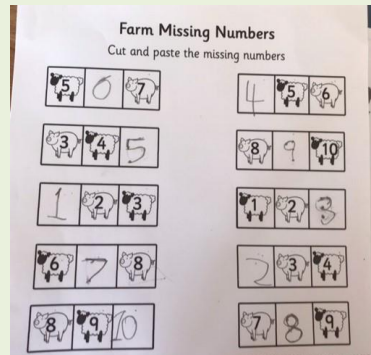
1st April – End of Term

19th April – Start of Summer Term

Lovely learning...

Once again, we have received some wonderful learning from children – below are just a few examples!

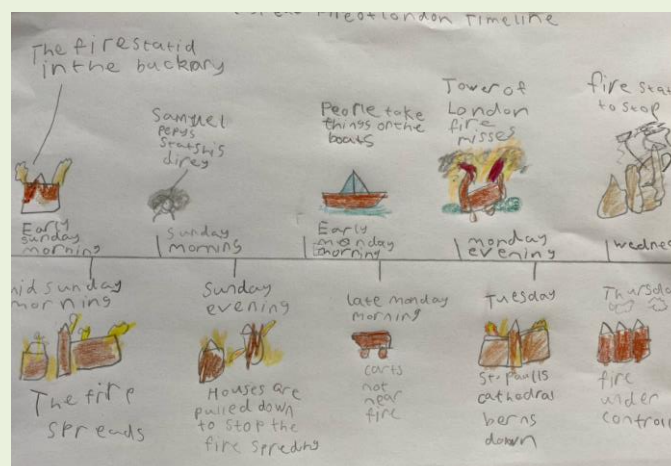
Well done Louie, from Fir Class. Mrs Sills comments: "Your number formation has progressed so well and it has been great to see your continued commitment towards your home learning this term."



At the other end of the school, in Oak Class, Mrs Handley was very impressed by Summer's drawing of a Henry Moore sculpture. The children have been looking at the work of Henry Moore and used various sketching techniques - such as cross-hatching - to give the desired effect of depth and shade and light.



In Sycamore class, Miss Harborne, was very pleased with Phoebe's learning about the Fire of London – especially this lovely timeline:



World Book Day

World Book Day was filled with exciting activities that celebrated books and encouraged all of us to use our imagination. Using their knowledge of well-known picture books, some year groups chose to create a little twist and below are just a few, lovely examples. Of course, there were also opportunities for us all to be a little creative and arty. Many of our favourite illustrators have 'draw along' videos, which unlock their special secrets, of how they create their drawings

Jack McGinty, Beech. Jack's drawing and favourite book.



Elina, Birch. These are drawings of two characters: Bad Nana and Prince Grogbah. Bad Nana was a character from our Book Talk book and Prince Grogbah was from our class novel.



Bella, Maple. Can you guess who this bookmark character is?



Bella, Acer

We're Going on a Dragon Hunt!

<p>English</p> <p>We're going on a Dragon hunt!</p> <p>Were going on a dragon hunt</p> <p>Were going to fierce one</p> <p>What a lovely day</p> <p>Were not scared</p> <p>Uh oh</p> <p>A dinosaur nest</p> <p>We can't go over it</p> <p>We can't go under it</p> <p>Oh no</p> <p>We have to go through it</p> <p>Crack russell crack russell</p> <p>Were going on a dragon hunt</p> <p>Were going to catch a fierce one</p> <p>What a lovely day</p> <p>Were not scared</p> <p>Uh oh</p> <p>A lake</p> <p>We can't go over it</p> <p>We can't go under it</p> <p>Oh no</p> <p>We have to go through it</p> <p>Splash splash splash splash</p> <p>Were going on a dragon hunt</p> <p>Were going to catch a fierce one</p> <p>What a lovely day</p> <p>Were not scared</p>	<p>Uh oh</p> <p>A big tropical jungle</p> <p>We can't go over it</p> <p>We can't go under it</p> <p>Oh no</p> <p>We have to go through it</p> <p>Ooo oo oo ooo (monkeys)</p> <p>Were going on a dragon hunt</p> <p>were going to catch a fierce one</p> <p>What a lovely day</p> <p>Were not scared</p> <p>Uh oh</p> <p>A big dark gloomy cave</p> <p>We can't go over it</p> <p>We can't go under it</p> <p>Oh no</p> <p>We have to go through it</p> <p>Crip tiptoe crip tiptoe</p> <p>WHAT'S THAT!!!</p> <p>Its big green and has wings</p> <p>IT'S A DRAGON</p> <p>Through the cave crip tiptoe crip tiptoe</p> <p>Through the jungle oo oo oo oo</p> <p>Through the lake splash splash splash splash</p> <p>Through the dinosaur nest crack russell crack russell</p> <p>Down the road</p> <p>Open the door</p> <p>Run upstairs </p> <p>Oh no we forgot to shut the door</p>	<p>Down the stairs</p> <p>Shut the door</p> <p>Into the bedroom</p> <p>Under the covers</p> <p>We are NEVER EVER going on another dragon ht</p> <p>THE END </p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bella</p>
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Harry, Sycamore.

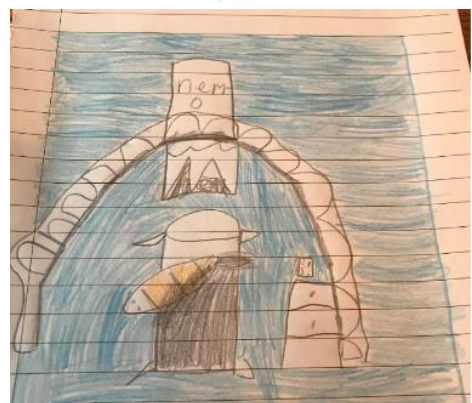
This is a drawing from the video showing the author drawing Grandad from Grandad's Island and as we had done that book they really enjoyed it.



Dylan, Birch. We're Going on an Elephant Hunt.

were going on an elephant hunt
 were going to find a big one
 were not scared what a beautiful
 day we had to go over it we can't go under it we can't go through it
 oh no we have to go through it what a lovely day
 were not scared what a beautiful day
 we had to go through it we can't go over it we can't go under it
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Will, Cedar.



Behaviour Policy Addendum

In light of Government Guidance and the children's return to school, please see below our most recent Behaviour Policy Addendum, which can also be found on the website:

Hillcroft Primary School is committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all its children and staff. The school will refer to the Government guidance for education and childcare settings on how to implement social distancing and will continue to follow the advice from Public Health England on handwashing, wearing face coverings and other measures to limit the risk of spread of COVID19.

Additional health and safety protocols have been established and all members of the school community are expected to adhere to these. The school will adopt a risk assessment approach for anyone who forgets or does not adopt our safety protocols with age appropriate sanctions where necessary.

We recognise that some children may have suffered anxiety, bereavement or additional welfare concerns during this extended period of time away from school. Others may struggle to return to the routine of lessons and being part of a larger group. We have a pastoral team in place to support these children.

Other News!

Nearly New Uniform:

Should your child require replacement uniform for the rest of this academic year, please do remember that Friends of Hillcroft have a collection of nearly new uniform.

Please contact the following email friends@hillcroftschoo.org by midday on Friday 12th March, with what item/s and size is required.

If you would like to donate any uniform, we will be collecting this in the blue trug by the entrance gate every day from Monday 8th March – Friday 12th March

Pricing: We normally price uniform at £1 per unbranded item and £2 per branded item.

However, any donations will be welcome.

Sizing:

Sizing Chart

Chest Size	25"	26"	28"	30"
Age/Frame	3/4	5/6	7/8	9/10

Return to school stationary:

De Stafford are giving away some free stationery packs (pens, pencils, rulers, erasers, highlighters) on the morning of Saturday 6 March in Church Walk, Caterham. This is open to both primary and secondary age school children to support them in their return to school.

Junior Bake Off:

Love Productions (the company behind The Great British Bake Off) have opened applications for the 7th series of Junior Bake Off; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

They are looking for young budding bakers between 9 -15 years old.

Filming would take place from July 2021, but our applications close on Sunday 28th March 2021.

Interested bakers can apply online at - WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK.