



Hillcroft Primary School

Nurturing children to achieve their personal best

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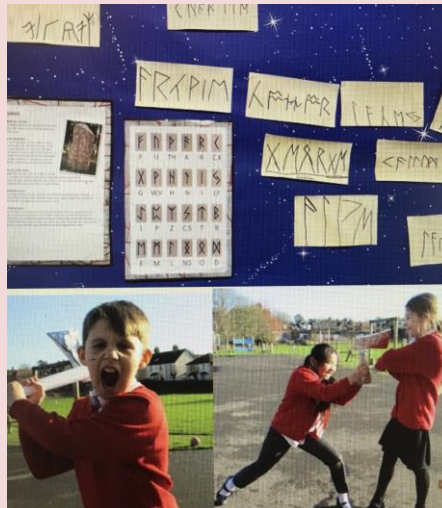
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Friday 14th January 2022

Welcome back to Spring Term! We hope you had a fantastic Christmas break and all stayed safe.

The start to term has been a busy and exciting one; the children took part in activities for the start of their Topics – Year 4 created some battle-axes for the start of their Traders and Raiders topic, before baking some Viking bread!



This term, Mrs Pearson, is also launching a six-week Thrive course for parents / carers. This is an exciting opportunity for our community to learn more strategies and activities to do with children at home. If you are interested please see the flyer with details at the end of this Newsletter.

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable weekend, and will see you next week,
Miss Summers

Open Classroom update:

Unfortunately, due to the continuing rise in COVID-19 cases in our local area, we have made the difficult decision to postpone Open Classrooms for this half of the term. We will be reviewing this decision regularly and will send out updates when they are re-arranged.

Thrive

A message from Mrs Pearson.

Happy New Year to everyone and I hope 2022 will be a fantastic year for you all; cherish every moment you have with your family and friends.

Just before we broke up for the Christmas period, I ran a whole school competition for the children and staff. The children had to draw a Christmas theme inside a snow globe, before we picked a winner from each classroom as well as a winner from the teachers.

Below are the winning entries, but well done to everyone that took part: you are all winners.

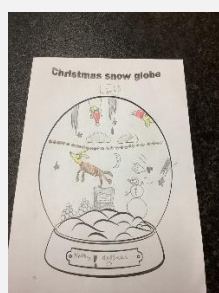
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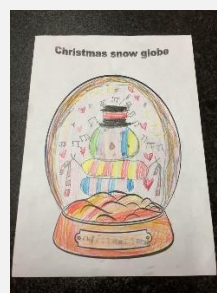
Mira



Jacob



Leo



Katrina

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Amirah



Harry



Lottie



Sofia

Thrive

A message from Mrs Pearson... continued...

KS2 continued...



Olivia



Calum



Finnley



Juliet

Teachers



Miss Burningham



Miss Latham



Miss Kolodziejczak

At the end of the Newsletter you will be able to see a leaflet about our Thrive six-week course of workshops.

The workshops will run from February through to March. If you feel you may be interested email me to book your place.

There will be limited spaces available but please do not worry if you are unable to have a space, we will then re-run them throughout the summer.

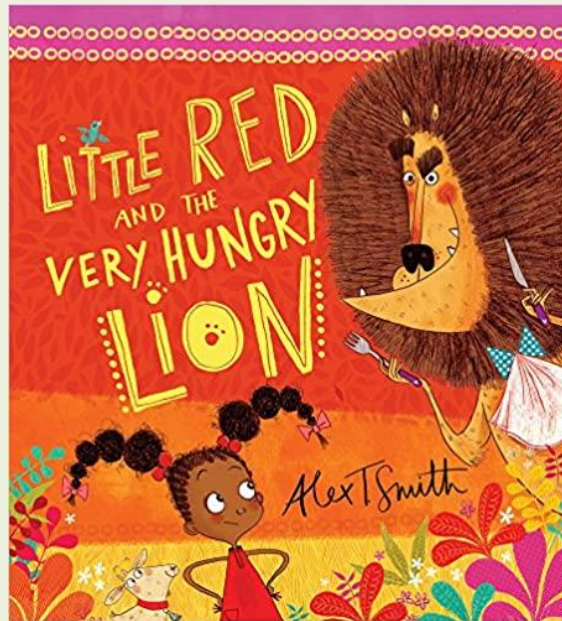
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A Reading Community

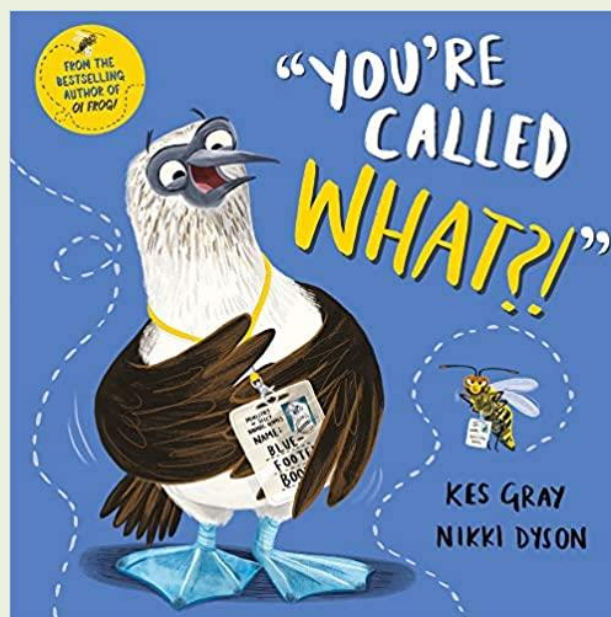
At Hillcroft, we promote a 'love of reading' throughout the school community – and encourage all children to read at home regularly. Our staff members are all passionate readers too, and each month we will be asking one to recommend books to families and children through our Newsletter.

This week, Miss Fox – our Reading Leader – has chosen some books which she recommends. It would be great to hear if your child / children then read them and what their thoughts are on them. Please email Miss Fox with any comments or photos on: c.fox@hillcroftschoo.org

EYFS - A classic fairy tale with a twist.

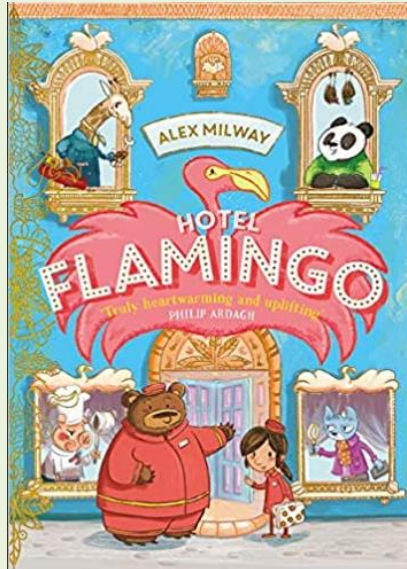


Key Stage 1 – Welcome to the Ministry of Silly Animal Names where all creatures have one thing in common: they want to change their names.

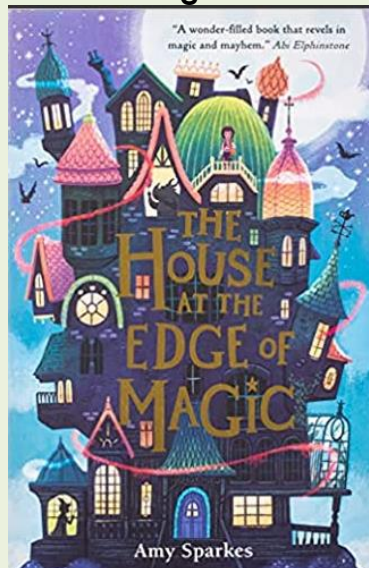


A Reading Community...continued

Lower Key Stage 2 - When young Anna inherits a dilapidated once-grand hotel from her Great Aunt Mathilde, she's determined to restore it to its former glory. But this is no ordinary hotel - all of her staff and guests are animals!



Upper Key Stage 2 - Nine is an orphan pickpocket determined to escape her life in the Nest of a Thousand Treasures. When she steals a house-shaped ornament from a mysterious woman's purse, she knocks on its tiny door and watches it grow into a huge, higgledy-piggeldy house.



Key Dates for Spring 1:

2nd February - Reception Sharing Assembly: 9.15 – 9.45am (more details to follow)

8th February – Year 6 Celebration Assembly: 2.30pm (more details to follow)

9th February – Year 4 Celebration Assembly: 2.30 pm (more details to follow)

11th February – End of Term

21st February – Return to school

Advanced notice: Parents' Evening is planned for the w/c 28th February

Smart Watches

As per our Uniform Policy (please see section below), please can we politely remind parents and carers that – for Safeguarding reasons – types of 'Smart' watches are not permitted to be worn in school. The full policy can be found on the school website.

"Watches are able to be worn by children. However, for Safeguarding reasons, these watches should not be able to be linked to mobile phones to receive messages / calls, to play games, or to be able to take photographs."

Attendance Notice from Surrey:

A reminder to parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices

A 'Thank You' from Morrisons, Caterham:





Thrive six-week course of workshops

Starting: Tuesday 22nd February 2022

Then every Tuesday 5.30pm— 7.00pm

Come and meet other parents and carers and learn ways to support your child with their social and emotional development at home.

Week 1 ~ Introduction to Thrive

Week 2 ~ Being

Week 3 ~ Doing

Week 4 ~ Thinking

Week 5 ~ Power & Identity / Skills & Structure

Week 6 ~ Bereavement/Anxiety & Anger

***To book a space please email:
d.pearson@hillcroftschoo.org***

Please note this workshop is limited to 20 places

Mrs Debbie Pearson (Lead Thrive Practitioner)

Miss Lucy Simons (Thrive Practitioner)

Mrs Tara Copard (Family Link Worker)