



Hillcroft Primary School

Nurturing children to achieve their personal best

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Friday 1st April 2022

Wow! What a wonderful term we have had!

Over the last two weeks we have had so many exciting activities taking place, including our Orienteering Club having a trip to Caterham School to practise their orienteering skills and a wonderful ukulele concert to parents and carers in Year 4.



We also had our wonderful Thrive Celebration Day today – celebrating the fact that we are one of only 7 schools in the country to receive the Gold Ambassador School of Excellence Award! Thank you to all the children who took part in wearing bright colours to school; they all enjoyed the exciting range of Thrive activities today, including Yoga, storytelling and Mindfulness.



I would also like to thank you for all your kind donations towards the Lovelace Charity day – raising a fantastic £260.35 for Dementia First.

We wish you a safe and happy Easter Holiday, and will see you on the gates on the 19th April.

Miss Summers

Key Dates for Summer 1:

Tuesday 19 th April	Start of Term
Tuesday 26 th April – 3.30pm	KS1 SATs Parents' Information evening <i>Please see letter that was sent to parents/ carers on 25th March</i>
Thursday 28 th April – 3.30pm	KS2 SATs Parents' Information evening <i>Please see letter that was sent to parents/ carers on 25th March</i>
Tuesday 24 th May – 9.15am	Year 5 Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 25 th May	Class Photos
Thursday 26 th May – 9.15 am	Year 6 Celebration Assembly
30 th May – 3 rd June 2022	Half Term

Fundraising for the Little Princess Trust

We are very proud to announce that Jessica (Rowan Class) is raising money for the Little Princess Trust. She is bravely having her hair cut on the 2nd April, and donating any money raised from this to the charity.

If you would like to support Jessica, please follow the below link to her Just Giving page: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jessicalpt?utm_source=sms&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=jessicalpt&utm_campaign=pfp-sms&utm_term=559467fb13064b8ebff6d487178eb7b9

If your child / children are fundraising for a charity, and you would like them mentioned in the newsletter, please let Miss Swain know (a.swain@hillcroftschoo.org)

Attendance Notice:

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority, 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.

Parentmail:

Please can we remind parents / carers that the main form of communication is through Parentmail. Parentmail is an online platform through which updates and letters are sent. If you have any questions please speak to the main office at drop-off or collection or email them at: office@hillcroftschoo.org

Thrive

A message from Mrs Pearson.

I can't believe that the Easter Holidays have arrived already! I have put together a selection of fun activities that you are able to do with your child at home, should you wish, that are all Thrive based. Have a lovely Easter Break and I will see you on our return.

Family Fun Calendar

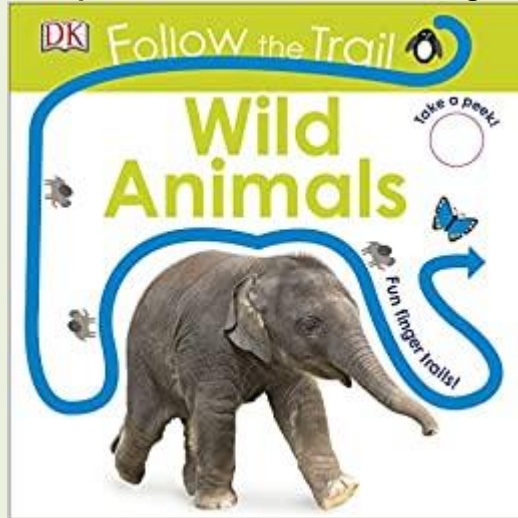
How many activities can you cross off this holiday?

Go on a walk	Colour together	Movie Night	Play a board game	Nature Hunt
Bake something	Tidy your room	Face time family	Talent Show	Screen Free Day
Lego competition	Look at old photos	Make a puppet	Stargazing	Create something
Plant a flower	Junk Modelling	Do a puzzle	Read	Do a picture for Mrs Pearson
Learn a magic trick	Read a story to mum/dad	Pyjamas Day	Make your own pizza	Help someone out
Camp out	Make a card for your neighbour	Have some exercise	Help around the house	Go swimming
Walk the dog	Read a story to a sibling	Ride a bike	Take the rubbish out	Watch a Disney film

A Reading Community

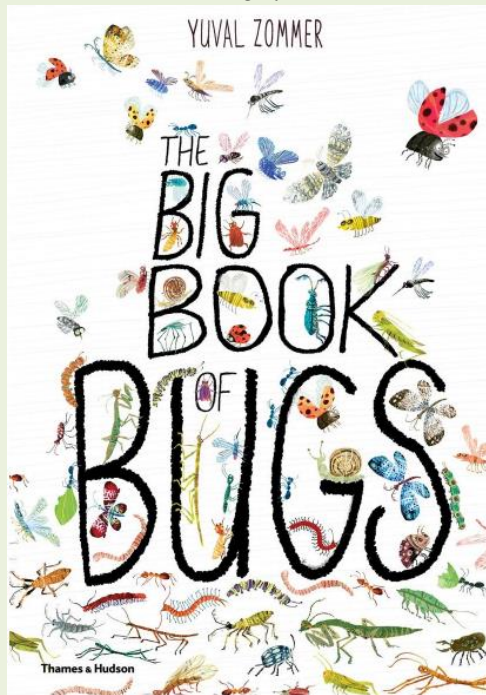
For this newsletter, Miss Fox has shared some of her 'top non-fiction reads' to finish off the term. As always please do email Miss Swain if your child reads the books and has any comments (a.swain@hillcroftschoo.org) and the books can be found in our Reception area if you would like to peruse them with your child.

Early Years and Foundation Stage:



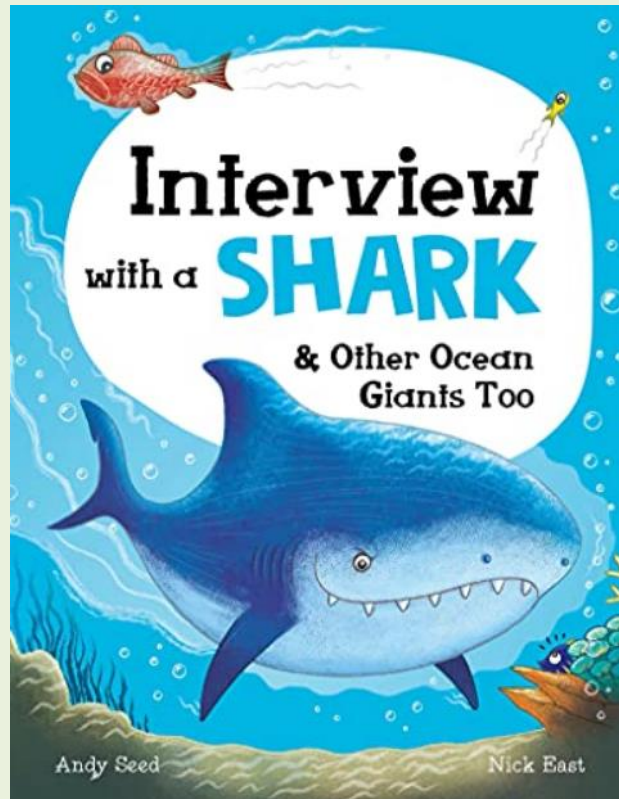
Follow the Trail Wild Animals: Take a Peek! Fun Finger Trails!, DK
Perfect for hands-on learning, every page of this board book has a bright, bold finger trail with a special sparkly, bumpy finish. Plus, there are peepholes through to tiny wild animals that scamper along the pathways, looking for their homes.

KS1:



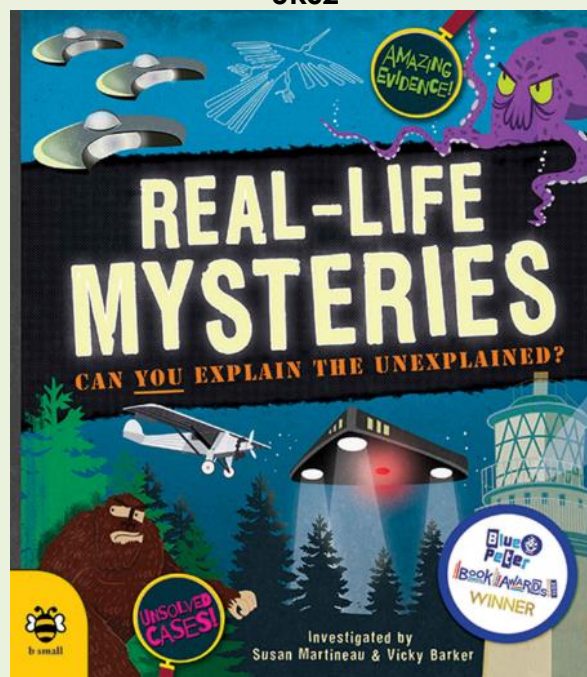
A gloriously illustrated, fact-filled book for young children about all kinds of creepy crawlies.

LKS2



If you could talk to animals, what would you ask? This is a fantastically funny non-fiction book full of ocean related facts.

UKS2



Quench your curiosity with this new myth-busting (and sometimes, myth-confirming!) fascinating kids case study book.

Happy Reading!

P.E. Cog Champions of the Term!

A message from Miss Burningham

'A massive well done and congratulations to Autumn and Spring Terms' PE Cog Champs! These children have gone above and beyond in their PE lessons to really apply the new skills, as well as achieve the cogs' learning goals.

We follow Create Development, Real PE and each half term, the children focus on a different cog; each one interlocking to provide our children with all the fundamental skills they need in order to become healthy, fit and knowledgeable sporting stars.

Autumn Term's cogs were 'Personal' and 'Social' and our champs have consistently demonstrated each cog's values - striving for personal bests, and understanding their own strengths and needs in the Personal Cog, and working well as a team; supporting each other through positive encouragement and constructive criticism in the Social Cog.

During Spring Term, the children worked on the 'Cognitive' and 'Creative' cogs, and once again, they demonstrated a growing understanding of being physically active and showed incredible creativity. They were able to design their own learning and illustrate a deepening knowledge. Well done everyone!

Personal Cog –

Mira, Rae, Amelka, Olivia, Autumn, Merin, Archie, Klaidas

Social Cog –

Maddie, Freddie, Daniel, Abbie, Bethany, Vilyan, Danielle, Zoe, Eva, Eli

Cognitive Cog –

Harrison, Millie, Eddie, Frank, Ava, Henry, Teddie, Finlay

Creative Cog –

Fraser, Owen, Harrison, Jenson, AJ (as well as the entire of Cedar Class as they were doing Dance), Frank, Fearne, Melissa, Charlie, Amelia, Olivia-May, Arlo

'Alongside Real PE, our Year 6 children have also been developing their skills in netball, football and badminton this year, and these children have been recognised for their amazing achievements – Danny, Nico, Ted, Yiannis

A special mention also goes to the Year 5s, who have all been working so hard on improving their swimming skills and understanding how to be safe in water.



P.E. Cog Champions of the Term! Continued...a selection of some of the winners!



In other news...

Sunnydown School Charity Cycle Challenge:

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The Community Needs You!

Between 13th & 20th May, the students of Sunnydown School will be cycling 660km around Kenley Aerodrome.

We want to raise £35,000 for to support local schools by providing additional Specialist Mental Health and Wellbeing Practitioner hours for those families in need.

**[www.justgiving.com/campaign/
caterhamcyclechallenge](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/caterhamcyclechallenge)**

cyclescheme@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk

Please help by sponsoring this event - any donations are gratefully received.

Safer Travel Team Survey 2022:

Our school are assisting Surrey County Council's Safer Travel Team to undertake research with parents on pupils' types of travel to and from school. This follows the huge success that the previous survey had, with over 13,000 parents and guardians completing the survey.

As a direct result the county council are considering additional investment in walking and cycling measures outside schools to make walking and cycling and scooting to school easier and safer.

In response to the survey The Safer Travel Team are launching a new Walking Training programme in June 2022 for Year 3 pupils across Surrey's primary schools. This will be delivered by a team of trained Walking Instructors and the course will be taught through a series of in-class and on-road practical training modules.

By offering this new programme at Year 3, it blends with other initiatives such as Cycle Training (Bikeability level 1 and 2). The training course will provide pupils with the necessary foundational road safety skills to better enable them to safely walk to and from school with their parents and carers, preparing them for safe, independent travel in the future. If you would like to find out more, please email safetravelteam@surreycc.gov.uk

Safer Travel Team Survey continued...

The objective of the research is to develop a better understanding of the different types of travel, how frequently they're used, why that type is used.

Once the Safer Travel Team have collected and analysed this information provided by parents, their goal is to obtain a better understanding of journeys to school, so they can continue encouraging safer and more active travel to school for all children in Surrey.

Please could I ask that you review and complete the survey using the link below. The deadline for completion of the survey is **11.59pm on 21st March 2022** and the survey should be completed for each child that attends our school. If you have another child which attends a separate secondary school, please complete another survey which will be coming out shortly.

[Primary School Travel Survey 2022 - Surrey County Council - Citizen Space \(surreysays.co.uk\)](https://surreysays.co.uk)

Rotary Easter Bunny Fun Run:

ROTARY EASTER BUNNY FUN RUN
SUNDAY 10th April 2022
1 km Fun Run starts 10.00 a.m.
5Km Race starts at 10.30 a.m.
All finishers will receive an Easter Egg.
Prizes for 'Best Dressed Bunnies'

Raise money for your own charity or for Rotary charities.

**Queens Park,
Caterham-on-the-Hill**

Registration Fee and a Signed Form are required for each runner.
£3.00 for the 1km Fun Run, **£6.00** for the 5km race
DOUBLE ON THE DAY

Enter Online: www.rotaryruns.co.uk
Or by mail: Rotary Runs, 11a Queens Park Road, Caterham, Surrey CR3 5RB.

Rotary Club of Caterham www.caterhamrotary.org.uk

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Surrey Family Learning:

Enrolments for ONLINE courses are now open.

Surrey has plenty of courses to help support families. All Family Learning courses are FREE and can support a range of areas. Please follow this link for more information:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-learning/courses/family-learning>

Extra-Curricular Clubs:

Supreme Sport provide external extra-curricular clubs. If you are interested in them, please visit their website: www.supremesport.co.uk