



Summer 2022 1st Half Term – Nursery

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Easter break and ready for the summer term.

Last term, the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about 'Space.'

This term, our topic is '**This is where I am.**' We will begin to look at and explore our school, thinking about what makes Hilltop, the people who make up Hilltop and looking at plants and trees in our school grounds. We will then explore the local area and think about our community and what is in it. Of course, we will learn about Windsor Castle and the special year of the Queen's Jubilee.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will continue to encourage the children to follow our school rule: Be kind using carpet time to talk about what that actually means. We will also be supporting the children to discuss and manage their feelings and emotions.

Communication & Language

As the children will be introduced to prepositions, we will encourage them to use this vocabulary in their play e.g. under, next to, behind, above etc. Furthermore, we will be helping the children to communicate effectively when talking about the past, present and future.

Physical Development

As the warm weather makes an appearance, the children will continue to make the most of outdoor play. The children will use their fine-motor skills as they practice their cutting with scissors and hold pencils to begin emergent writing. They will be enhancing their gross-motor skills by learning to aim and kick balls and will be working in teams to build obstacle courses.

Literacy

We will continue to teach the children letter sounds using our Letterland programme. We will begin a real focus on getting the children to recognise and write their own names too, forming the capital letters for their beginning letter sounds.

Maths

The children will be exploring different ways to make numbers within 5, both practically and by using real objects and Numicon pieces. They will also be introduced to sequences and patterns this term.

Understanding the World

We will be learning about where we live and our community. We hope to take some walks to see the area we live in and visit local places such as the post office. We will also be looking at our school, visiting different areas of school and looking at similarities and differences between ourselves.

Expressive Arts

We will be exploring paint by mixing colours together to represent our skin tones as we paint self-portraits. The children will have opportunities to explore a variety of textures and materials including sand, glue and shaving foam etc.

Reminders for this half term

- ★ Please ensure your child comes into school with a washed filled **school** water bottle every day.
- ★ As the weather becomes warmer, please apply sun cream on your child **prior** to coming to school. It is not necessary to bring sun cream into school.
- ★ Please have a **school** sunhat for the warmer weather.
- ★ Bank holiday – Monday 2nd May.
- ★ Parent Teacher Consultations – 27th and 28th April.

Mrs Harvey and Mrs Fraser ☺