



## Summer 2023 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term – Reception

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Easter break and are ready for the summer term. Last term we learnt all about 'Space' and the children were very excited about the planets, space facts and learning new vocabulary. We made lovely sun catchers, planets and astronauts. The children manipulated materials to build different planets. During this topic the children learnt about the many different planets and how each planet is unique. We also had a lot of focus on the sun, moon and the stars. We learnt lots of facts such as we can't live without the sun, and that the moon reflects from the sun and this is why it is bright at night!

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. When doing this we will be going for local walks, looking at road signs, post office, Dedworth library and the local shops. Of course, we will learn about Windsor Castle and the special year of the King's Coronation.

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

As the children have made strong relationships with one another, we will encourage them to resolve conflicts by finding solutions to disagreements they may have with their friends.

### Communication & Language

As the children will be introduced to prepositions, we will encourage them to use this vocabulary e.g. under, next to, behind, above etc. The children will also role-play through storytelling and work with one another to develop their vocabulary.

### Physical Development

As the warm weather makes an appearance, the children will enjoy playing more outdoor sports. They will be playing football - practicing their kicking skills, tennis using their eye-hand coordination and many other ball skills. We will continue to focus on fine motor as the children begin more formal handwriting.

### Literacy

As the children have learnt the sounds for this year using Letterland, we will be revising these sounds and look again at how we form letters correctly. We will focus on fine motor skills for handwriting. We will also write some sentences. We continue to work through the Letterland

### Maths

The children will be learning about 2D shapes. We will begin to look at rectangles and squares and how these are similar and different. We will then look at curved shapes. We will name and compare the properties of shapes.

### Understanding the World

We will be learning about where we live and our community. We will be taking regular walks to see the area we live in and why people visit these places and what makes our community.

### Expressive Arts

We will be exploring paint by mixing colours together, making collages by cutting and sticking and using a variety of materials. We will also be folding paper to make creations and using masking tape to attach items together.

### 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 blue **school** sunhat for the warmer weather in school every day.
- ★ Song Celebration: 6pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April – children should be in school by 5:45pm Please wear full school uniform. Family picnic from 5pm
- ★ The School Book Fair will be taking place 2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> May.
- ★ Coronation celebration: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May – dress up as royalty or wear red/white/blue
- ★ We will be holding a Letterland Coronation on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May – see letter attached



Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, Team Woodland are learning about our local area. As the King's coronation is taking place in May, we will be learning about the coronation and Windsor Castle. As part of the King's Coronation celebrations, this links in perfectly.

We would like the children to come into school dressed as their favourite Letterland character and join our Hilltop 'Coronation' celebration on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May**. We will be crowning 'Kicking King' and 'Quarrelsome Queen' however the children can come dressed up as **any** character. It is not necessary to buy a costume as we would like to encourage parents to use items of clothing, which the children already have. Below are some suggestions:

Annie Apple – red top  
Bouncy Ben – bunny ears  
Clever Cat - whiskers  
Dippy Duck – yellow top and wings  
Eddy Elephant – grey top, elephant ears and create a trunk using a kitchen roll  
Firefighter Fred – firefighter hat, red and yellow clothing  
Golden Girl – green top and jeans  
Harry Hat Man – green hat  
Impy Ink – multi-coloured clothing  
Jumping Jim – red and yellow top with two soft playing balls  
Kicking King – crown and a red robe  
Lucy Lamp Light – all yellow  
Munching Mike – tail and his face made from a cardboard box  
Noisy Nick – blue top  
Oscar – orange top  
Peter Puppy – pink collar  
Quarrelsome Queen - crown  
Red Robot – red top  
Sammy Snake – yellow and green  
Talking Tess – orange/brown  
Uppy Umbrella – red, yellow & blue  
Vicky Violet – purple/violet clothing  
Walter Walrus – grey and blue clothing  
Fix-It-Max – yellow and red clothing  
Yellow Yo-yo Man – yellow clothing with a yoyo  
Zig Zag Zebra – black & white stripes

Please refer to the Letterland website to have a look at the characters in more detail.

We look forward to the 'Hilltop Letterland Coronation' which will be taking place on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023**.

Mrs Romanay-Bhatt (Team Leader) and the Team Woodland Team.