



Summer 2024 2nd Half Term – Reception

Can you believe we are in the final term already? This year has flown by with your children but we still have so much exciting learning and exploring planned for our final term.

Last term, the children learnt about Hilltop First School, our local area and the exciting new building project that is going on right in front of our eyes! We learnt the names of lots of the vehicles that we have seen arriving each day. The children were also lucky enough to watch the concrete being poured into the foundations of the building. They have loved taking on various roles, busily pushing wheelbarrows of bricks around, mixing 'concrete' and building houses of different shapes and sizes.

This term, our topic is '**Growing.**' Each week, we will be learning about seeds, plants, animals and our personal growth and focusing on a story linked to these. We will also be learning about nocturnal animals, birds, bugs and pets. We look forward to hearing the many stories from the children on what they have seen in their gardens, the park, forests and at home and we can't wait to develop their knowledge of growing further.

Personal, Social &

Emotional Development

As the children will be moving to Year 1, this term we will encourage them to develop connections with one another across the two classes and with Year 1 adults. We will also be visiting the classrooms and playing on the big playground.

Communication &

Language

We will be reading stories about birds, pets and bugs and we will be encouraging the children to recall facts we have learnt. We will also encourage the children to ask questions about what they would like to know.

Physical Development

The children have been enjoying developing their gross motor skills but this term, we will be challenging them to hop on one leg to encourage balancing, pedalling and skipping using a skipping rope. We will also be playing games which encourage hand and eye coordination such as tennis.

Literacy

We will be supporting the children in using their phonics knowledge to write sentences independently in preparation for Year 1. The children will be writing about animals and parts of a story. We will also be continuing to learn new sounds such as, 'cl', 'bl', 'br', 'cr' and many more.

Maths

This term the children will be consolidating their learning on number bonds and shape knowledge. We will be encouraging the children to show some understanding of reasoning and explaining by our use of questioning.

Understanding the World

This topic is all about understanding the world and growing of plants, bugs, and ourselves. We will look at the transition from birth to adulthood in animals, habitats and understanding what nocturnal means.

Expressive Arts

As the children have learnt so many skills on how to attach materials together, we will encourage them to do this independently and select their own ways in constructing a model. This will include using PVA glue, masking tape, split pin and sellotape.

Reminders for this half term

- ★ Monday 1st July – Sports Day
- ★ Friday 12th July – PTA family BBQ
- ★ Thursday 25th July – Last day of school finishing at 1.00pm
- ★ We have a high number of unnamed jumpers and cardigans in lost property. Please ensure your child's clothing is fully labelled as the names have disappeared on the clothing since the beginning of the year.
- ★ Don't forget sun hats and please apply sun cream before coming to school.

Miss Wright and Mrs van Laar ☺