

# Hillcrest Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back. We hope you all had a lovely restful half term and are ready for Term 6!

## Important Information:

This term we will be continuing swimming until Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Please ensure that your child brings their swimming kit every week. From the week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> June, until the end of the year, we will have PE on a Monday as there will be no swimming. In this session we will be focusing on coordination with equipment and balancing. PE will continue to be on a Friday afternoon where we will be focusing on coordination with equipment and floor movement. For both PE sessions each child will need to wear their Hillcrest T-shirt and it is really important that the children bring appropriate footwear and kit.

## Topic:

This term our topic will be 'Flower Power' where we will be looking at plants. We will focus on the different parts of a plant as well as the life cycles of different plants and their requirements for life. We will also be looking at animals. This will include looking at the skeletons of animals, as well as their diet.

We have really enjoyed celebrating the extra learning that the children have completed at home over the previous 5 terms. It would be great if this could continue into Term 6! We have attached below a few ideas of topic homework you could do at home. If you want to deviate from these, they are just ideas – anything creative is welcome!

## English:

During Literacy this term there will be a focus on poetry for the first week and then we will move onto to story writing. We will be focusing on the novel James and the Giant Peach.

Don't forget to keep practising your poems ready for the 'Off by Heart' poetry recital finals in class on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June!

## Maths:

Maths will continue with a focus on mastering mathematical concepts and exploring mathematical thinking. We will be focusing on geometry, mass and capacity. Please continue to practise times tables and division at home, as this will support your child in the weekly times table challenge.

## Homework:

All homework will be posted on the website fortnightly on a Tuesday (starting Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June). This will include spelling and a times tables or division activity. The spelling test will be completed on a Wednesday and the times tables and division challenge on a Thursday.

## Key dates:

04.05.18 – Squash  
05.06.18 – Olympic/Paralympic athletes visit  
07.06.18 – Sponsored walk  
08.06.18 – Sports Day  
03.07.18 – Transition day  
14.07.18 – Summer Fair  
23.07.18 – Inset day  
24.07.18 – Inset day

As always, we operate an open doors policy, so please feel free to approach us with any questions!

Kind regards,  
Year 3 Team  
Claire Silver, Elaina Gard, Chloe Jenkins & Lin Wade

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# CREATE A TERRARIUM!

Make your own mini-ecosystem and fill it with your favorite plants!

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Large glass container
- Potting soil
- Rocks or gravel
- Activated carbon (you can find this at a pet store or online)
- Moss
- Plants (succulents, plants that don't need a lot of water, work well)
- You may also want a spoon, toothpicks and other items in the terrarium



## HOW TO DO IT:

1. Make sure the glass container is clean and dry. Put a layer of rocks or gravel at the bottom of the container, not more than an inch deep. This layer will give water a place to drain.
2. Add a thin layer of activated carbon on top of the gravel. This will keep the terrarium from getting too smelly.
3. Time to add the potting soil! Add a layer of soil to cover the activated carbon and gravel. This layer shouldn't take up more than half of your container – deep enough to plant in but not filling the entire container.
4. Start planting! Get your plants ready to place in the terrarium. Remove them from their container and gently loosen the roots. Using a spoon, dig a small hole and place them in the terrarium. Get creative with how your terrarium looks!
5. Once you have added plants, you can add a few decorations. Moss and rocks are an easy way to spruce up a terrarium. Think about other fun items you could use.
6. Water your terrarium based on the watering instructions of the plants you added and watch it grow!



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# MAKE YOUR OWN SUN PRINTS

Use the sun to create a unique piece of art!

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Black construction paper
- Leaves, sticks, or other objects to make prints with
- 8 x 10 pane of glass (from a picture frame), or some small rocks



## HOW TO DO IT:

1. Start by collecting some objects to make prints with. Gather a few leaves or branches to start. You can also use other interesting objects you find in nature or around the house.
2. Find a spot outside that is in the sun for at least 4 to 6 hours. You may want to do some observations the day before you start to find an area that is just right!
3. Set up the paper in the sunny area and place the objects you want to print on the paper. Cover with the pane of glass or place small rocks on top of the objects to keep them from moving.
4. Wait 4-6 hours then check on your print! What happened? How do you think you would change your print next time? Could you make a whole scene or picture using this method?
5. You can use black construction paper or try this with paper specifically made for sun prints. This technique works because the sun's UV rays discolor the paper. It's pretty cool that even though the sun is 93 million miles away, it only takes 8 minutes for the light of the sun to reach the Earth!



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