

Welcome back! We hope you have had a relaxing and entertaining week, and are ready for Term 6!

Curious City:

In Term 6, we are launching Curious City – an enquiry-based approach to topic learning. It provides a range of curious and creative learning opportunities that will inspire learners. This term we will be Scientists, exploring the enquiry question ‘How do plants die?’ We will learn about the parts of a plant and their functions, water transportation in plants and what a plant needs to survive. As Philosophers, our learning journey will have us asking questions about why plants are important, as well as the relationships between plants and animals, including humans. We will need to be Geographers too, finding out about where in the world different types of plants grow and thrive. Our skills as Mathematicians will come in handy when we take measurements and interpret our findings in tables and graphs.

Authors:

Our writing will mainly link to our Curious City line of enquiry. As authors, we will be writing a care manual about how to look after plants, re-telling the story of The Tin Forest by Helen Ward, as well as exploring poetry inspired by Joseph Coelho and Roger McGough.

Our weekly spelling test will be on a Thursday afternoon. The children will be introduced to the spelling pattern for the next week on the previous Friday afternoon. Please see attached sheet for the spelling patterns we will be covering in Term 6. These spellings will be set on Spellodrome and will need to be practised at home in order to ensure that the children are successful.

Mathematicians:

Maths will continue with a focus on mastering mathematical concepts and exploring mathematical thinking. We will be focussing on fractions, shape and time. As Mathematics homework activities are directly linked to our in-class learning, please ensure that you have a look at the new tasks we set each week. Please also continue to practise times tables and division at home, as these skills are vital for an ongoing depth of understanding of all our learning. The children are really engaged with our times tables challenges in school and are continuing to make great progress as a result.

Athletes:

This term, we will have PE in school on a Wednesday afternoon where our main focus will be on team games, especially basketball and hockey. For our PE sessions, each child will need to wear their Hillcrest T-shirt and sports bottoms (shorts/joggers etc). Weather permitting, PE will be outside, so they will also need trainers/daps and a sweatshirt, as the weather can still be unpredictable. Children will also need to wear a hat for outdoor activities – house caps are available at the office for a very reasonable price.

We also have two more Swimming lessons on a Tuesday morning, so please remember to send your child to school with their swimming kit. For the last two sessions, 3NA will need to be in school by 8:45am as they will need to leave school promptly at 8:50am. Any latecomers will need to remain in school in a different year group.

Key Dates:

June 17th – 3NA visit to Burrington Combe

June 24th – 3CS visit to Burrington Combe

(NB: we will need additional adults for these visits – please let us know if you’re able to help)

June 18th – New classes announced, story-time with the children’s new teacher

June 20th – Art sculpture day

July 1st – Transition day

July 4th – RWA visit

July 5th – Word Fest – in school

July 6th – Summer Fair 12-3pm

More information, with additional key dates for the diary will follow. In the meantime, we operate an open doors policy, so please feel free to approach us with any questions!

Kind regards,

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Year 3 spelling patterns for Term 6

Week 1	Prefixes	- super - auto	superstar supermarket autograph automatic
Week 2	Prefixes	- sub - tele	submarine subject television telephone
Week 3	Suffixes	- gue - que	tongue league unique antique
Week 4	Prefixes	- dis - un	disagree discuss unsure untidy
Week 5	Common and statutory words 1		10 words to be tested on: trouble forest careful knife honest guess happier use leapt imagine
Week 6	Common and statutory words 1		10 words to be tested on: again rough trying learning complaining different yesterday certain highest walking