

Dear parents and carers,

Hello and welcome to Term 3. We hope you all enjoyed the holidays and are looking forward to the next adventure in Year 1.

Here is a brief overview of Term 3:

Topic

Overleaf you will find an outline of what we will be covering in our history topic – ‘Our School – 1990-2016.’

We are looking at how much Hillcrest has changed over the last 26 years, while also looking at changes in the local area. If you have any artefacts from this era (e.g. CD Walkmans, videotapes etc.) it would be great if the children could bring them in to show in class.

We will also be creating a timeline of the children’s lives, so if you have any significant milestone pictures of your child, from baby to starting school, please bring them in with the year on the back so we can place them on our timeline.

Literacy

Each week we will still be focussing on a different sound, sentence structure and letter formation.

The children will also be learning how to rewrite a story in their own words.

We will be slightly altering the format of our literacy homework and will begin to hand this out during next week’s parents’ evening.

Maths

We will be mastering different addition and subtraction methods within 0-20, making number bonds, looking at the language associated with length and measuring using standard and non-standard measurement units.

Maths homework will also be handed out at next week’s parents’ evening.

Reading

We would like the children to read with an adult at least four times a week. Please record this in your reading record book.

Library

Every Thursday the children will visit the Key Stage 1 library with their class teacher and school librarian Mrs Price.

PPA

On Wednesday mornings, we will be out of class for our weekly PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) session. During this time, the children will have a PE lesson with our PE Specialist Mr Boon and an art lesson with Ms Bonner.

PE

Year 1s will have PE on Mondays (with their class teacher) and Wednesdays (with Mr Boon) every week. Please ensure that your child brings in their PE kit.

Parents’ evening

Parents’ evenings are next Tuesday and Thursday, make sure to book your appointment – either online or in school.

Open Doors Day

The Open Doors Day will take place on Wednesday, January 27th in the morning and afternoon, where the class will present their topic work.

Here’s to a great Term 3.

Kindest Regards,

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