



## Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Value of the month** – our value of the month is **respect (respect for, self, others and school)**.

Dear parents and guardians,

Welcome to our second week of the new term! We hope your children are settling in well and enjoying their learning experiences. Our school community is vibrant and full of energy, and we are thrilled to have your continued support as we embark on interesting learning opportunities.

This month, we are focusing on the value of **Respect**. We are encouraging our pupils to show respect for themselves, for others, for our school, and for the wider community. Respect is a cornerstone of our ethos, and we believe it fosters a positive and nurturing environment for everyone. We invite you to join us in reinforcing this value at home and in the community.

**Parents and guardians** – as a school we will work closely with you to ensure that children are in school and receiving the best start to their educational journey. If you are experiencing challenges regarding arriving on time or general attendance, do come and talk with Family Support, Inclusion Support and our Inclusion Manager, if applicable. We are here to support and we hold the values of **C-A-R-E**

**Parent Consultation Evening (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> April)** – is coming up soon and you will receive a ParentMail regarding booking. We are aware that Eid Ul-Fitr may be celebrated, by some, on one of the days and we would recommend that you book for the other day, where possible. Please book your slot to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss their progress, achievements and next steps. You can book your slot via ParentMail, which will be sent out next week to all families.

**World book day** – what a wonderful day we had and with such a wide range of PJs and dressing gowns seen. It was also lovely to see so many favourite bedtime stories. The school linked activities to other aspects of learning and books. In year one, there was a lot of slime and other fabulous activities. In year two, some classes joined Willy Wonka and his amazing chocolate factory, with their Golden Tickets.

**Love of reading** – as a school we are committed to fostering and developing a love of reading and the [Book Trust](#) have a very good page for parents to support this.

**Parental Controls** – we would signpost you to the following pages to support you in ensuring that your children are unable to access inappropriate content on the web or via apps. LGfL link:  
<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>

**School bags and water bottles** – we **MUST** make a request of our families to **NOT send in any other bags that are not our HI&NS bags or with tags/charms on them**. They are a health and safety concern for children and we are unable to store any bags, other than the recommended school ones. We also are very concerned that some of the water bottles that are coming into school, again they are not needed by young children. We had an incident where a glass one with a cover on it came into school and broke, causing a health and safety issue. Do not be offended if we make contact with you directly regarding bags or bottles.

**Visiting scientist/Silly Science** – To celebrate British Science Week, we hosted an exciting Silly Science Workshop for each year group, led by the energetic Professor Nitrate. This engaging event was designed to ignite curiosity and inspire a deeper interest in science. Children journey of discovery, learning about elements, gravity, the magic of lift and pressure, and experiencing the thrill of explosions. The workshop was tailored to each year group and all children were fully engaged.



**Website** – our website is a wonderful source of information and can be converted into a wide range of languages to suit your needs. You will find all our policies and forms that you may need. It has been designed to be SMART phone optimised and easy to access. You can find it via the following - <https://www.hillboroughinfantschool.uk/>

#### **Updates from year groups:**

- **Nursery & Reception** – produce a wonderful weekly newsletter with all the exciting information about what they are working on and how you can best support your child during the week.
- **Year 1** - Over the past two weeks, our Year 1 students have been engaged in a whirlwind of exciting activities, delving deep into the realms of English, Maths, and Science. In English, Year 1 embarked on a captivating debate surrounding the timeless tale of "The Emperor's New Clothes." With lively discussions and thoughtful arguments, they pondered the age-old question: "Was it fair for the Emperor to be tricked?" Their critical thinking skills soared as they explored different perspectives and honed their ability to express their thoughts eloquently.

In maths, children identified part-whole relationships using the "+", "-", and "=" symbols. We continued our learning by using problem-solving language, helping the children solve problems where the whole number is unknown, encouraging children to think critically and use different strategies to find solutions.

In geography, the children explored a local area in the UK, focusing on our vibrant capital city, London! We discussed how we could travel from Luton to London, learning about different modes of transport such as trains, buses, and even the famous London Underground. The children were fascinated to discover the many ways people get around the city, from iconic red double-decker buses to black cabs and riverboats on the Thames. We also explored some of London's most famous landmarks, including Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, and the London Eye, discussing fun things to do and see in the city.

In science our little scientists welcomed the season of Spring by heading outdoors on a Spring hunt, searching for the first signs of the new season. The children were so excited to spot blooming flowers, budding trees, and even hear the cheerful songs of birds. After our Spring adventure, we continued our learning about the properties of materials. The children explored new vocabulary such as "strong," "rigid," "flexible," "transparent," "absorbent," and "waterproof." Through hands-on activities, they matched different materials with their properties and discussed where we might see these materials in everyday life.

Silly workshop - Our intrepid explorers dove headfirst into a whirlwind of wacky experiments and hilarious demonstrations in the silly science workshop. From fizzing concoctions to gravity-defying tricks, they marvelled at the wonders of the scientific world, all while giggling with glee.



- **Year 2** – Spring is here and it has inspired our scientists to study plants. Speaking of science, we had a visit from a renowned inventor and science professor for our silly science day!

In English, we discovered that perhaps the big bad wolf wasn't so bad after all - or was he? Investigate [The True Story of the three little pigs by Jon Scieszka](#) and make up your own mind. Or better still, read our recounts of the story!

In maths, we have been discovering more strategies to help with dividing and multiplication, this week we have perfected the use of arrays!

Finally, we celebrated World book day on Thursday. The teachers decided on a Roald Dahl theme. All the children experienced the wide range of activities in the three classrooms, based on our favourite stories, The Twits, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and George's Marvellous Medicine.

We have a busy few weeks coming up with various religious events: Lent for Christians, Ramadan for Muslims, and Holi for Hindus. We also have Comic Relief coming up.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend and let us hope that this good weather and sunshine remains with us.

Hillborough Infant & Nursery School Team