



Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 2nd May 2025

Value of the month – our value of the month is **community**.

Language of the month – Chinese

Dear parents and guardians,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the summer term at Hillborough Infant and Nursery School! We hope you all had a restful break and are as excited as we are to dive into the new term. As the days grow longer and the sun shines brighter, we're thrilled to embrace the good weather and the opportunities it brings for outdoor learning and activities.

This term promises to be full of engaging events, from sports day to exciting outdoor learning opportunities, all designed to enrich our pupils' learning experiences. Let's make the most of this wonderful season together!

Reception Spring Performance – we would signpost you to an upcoming **ParentMail** that will be coming out to you, in connection with this event. **Do read it for all relevant information and how to attend.**

Good weather - With the lovely weather upon us, we want to ensure that all pupils stay safe while enjoying the sunshine. To support this, please make sure your child comes to school with a sun hat, a refillable water bottle, and sunscreen already applied at home, as school staff cannot administer sunscreen. Staying hydrated and protected will help them enjoy outdoor activities comfortably and safely.

Water bottles – recently, as part of the School's 50th celebrations, your child was provided with a new water bottle celebrating such a wonderful event. It has been wonderful to see the children bringing them into school and using them. We would hope that all our families and children move towards using the gifted water bottle, which is environmentally friendly and particularly safe for young children. With increasing warmer weather, **please ensure that your child has their school water bottle with them.**

Book/School bags – school is unable to store the backpacks that some children come to school with. Your child has a tray in their classroom, which comfortably fits a standard book bag into it. School would request that you do **NOT** send in backpacks. School would also request that you **do not attach charms or other items** to book bags as they are very dangerous to some of our children; can pose a choking hazard and potentially lead to envy and theft.

Exercise for children - research indicates that inactive children are likely to become inactive adults, putting young people at risk of developing conditions as they grow up and become adults. This is why it is important to encourage exercise and keeping fit from a young age. We would like to sign post you to links that may support increased activity outside of school: [GOSH – exercise for children and young adults](#), [Change4Life](#) and the [NHS Live Well](#) website

Cost of living support – we know that times are challenging with regard to the cost of living, ever increasing bills and the ongoing energy costs. We are signposting you to some websites that might support you to compare prices – click on the blue words to take you to the websites. Comparing grocery prices at [trolley.co.uk](#); 'superizon' which can be found on Google Play or Apple's App Store – again a supermarket comparison site and finally a website for bargains in food, fashion, books, home and other areas – [LatestDeals.co.uk](#)

We would like to point out that school is not endorsing any of the sites and is just signposting you to possible sites that might be able to support you and your family.

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** – Our overarching theme is 'Things That Grow,' and we're exploring this concept through our subjects. In English, we've embarked on a delightful journey with "Katie and the Sunflowers" by James Mayhew. This charming story has sparked our imagination and provided us with ways to look at adjectives and capital letters in our writing.

In maths, we're discovering the world of repeated addition and making arrays. The children are having fun discovering how numbers can grow through repeated addition, which lays the foundation for multiplication. We've been using visual aids and hands-on activities to make learning engaging and interactive.

Our foundation subjects are being explored and developed in the following ways. History lessons have taken us back in time as we explore fossils and dinosaurs. The children are fascinated by these ancient creatures and are learning about how fossils help us understand the past. In art, we're keeping in the sunflower theme by exploring the work of Vincent Van Gogh. The children have been captivated by his famous sunflower paintings, and they've been creating their own masterpieces inspired by his style. In science, we're working scientifically to explore plants and flowers. This week, we focused on naming the parts of a flower, learning about petals, stems, leaves, and roots. The children have been observing plants closely and making detailed drawings to enhance their understanding of how plants grow and thrive.

- **Year 2** - As the rain stops and the sun reveals itself, we start to think of adventure and exploration! In history and geography, we have been learning about famous explorers. We have been specifically looking at the first known explorer, [Ibn Battuta](#). We have researched when and where he was born and which countries and continents he explored.

In English, our book is [Four Feet, two sandals](#) by Karen Lynn Williams and Khada Mohammed. It is the story of two young refugees, hoping to find a safe home. We have been talking in our classes about the importance of C-A-R-E, and how we can instil our school values in all areas of our lives. We will be writing some persuasive letters based on Lina and her experiences as a refugee.

As our maths journey continues, we have ventured from finding fractions of numbers to finding fractions of shapes! We are very excited to see where the rest of our explorations take us.

In science our topic is 'animals and their habitats'. We have begun to think about [how we know what is living, and what they need to survive](#).

Wishing you a peaceful weekend and do enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend. We will see you all on **Tuesday 6th May at 08:50**

Hillborough Infant & Nursery School Team