



## Hill Mead Primary School

# Year 3

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Autumn Term 2 - 2017

Welcome back!

Welcome back to the start of Term 2. We hope you had an enjoyable holiday and have settled back into the new term well. We will be visiting the Science Museum where the children will have lots of hands-on experiences to support their learning about light, forces and magnets. This term we will also be looking at Diwali, the Hindu festival of light and will be making and using shadow puppets to tell this story.

### Reminders

#### **Swimming:**

Swimming lessons for **3 Red** will be every **Tuesday** afternoon and for **3 Blue** every **Thursday** afternoon. Please ensure your child brings in their full swimming kit (goggles, hat, costume and a towel). They should also have a plastic bag to put their wet costume in after.

#### **Reading:**

Please encourage your child to read **every evening**. It is also important that you ensure your child brings his/her book bags to school, with a book **everyday**.

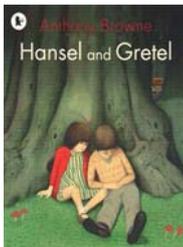
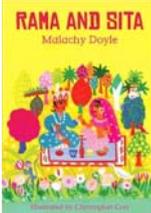
#### **Spellings:**

Please continue to support your child with their spelling in their homework. Weekly spelling activities will be carried out in class to support your child's spelling and they will be tested every Wednesday.

### Homework

Homework will be given on **Wednesdays** and should be returned the following **Monday**. Please make sure your child practices their **times tables** at home. They should be confident with the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and beginning to learn the 3 and 4s.

### What will my child be learning this term?

<b>Maths</b>	<b>Number</b> 	We will be focusing on shape and measurement this term, tying into our topic work on Diwali and <i>Hansel and Gretel</i> . We will also continue to improve our mental arithmetic including times tables and numbers bonds. If you want to support your child's Maths at home then this is the best area to focus on.
<b>English</b>	<b>Hansel and Gretel</b> 	We will be studying <i>Hansel and Gretel</i> , perhaps the darkest and greatest of the fairy tales from the Brothers Grimm, as retold by Anthony Browne. The children will examine the atmosphere, features and themes within the book. They will explore, through drama, their emotional responses to the text and use descriptive language to analyse the characters, plot and setting.
<b>Topic/ Science</b>	<b>Diwali and Light</b> 	Following on from and to complete last term's science topic about light, the children will make shadow puppets and use them when creating their own play based on the story of Rama and Sita. Rama and Sita's story is celebrated every October in Diwali (the Hindu festival of light).

Thank you

**Mr Ashworth, Miss Campbell, Miss Dilks, Mr Hamid, Mr Highman  
and Miss Powell**