




Year 5

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Spring Term 3 2010


Hill Mead Primary School

Reminders

 **Book Bags and PE bags:** It is essential that your child brings a **Hill Mead Book Bags** to school everyday.

On PE days, your child should bring a **Hill Mead PE bag**.

Branded or named bags should not be brought into school as they are not part of our school uniform.

 Children should not bring **sweets, toys or money** into school. This causes disruption to lessons and problems in the playground. Any such items will be confiscated.

Homework

Homework will be given out on a **Thursday** and needs to be returned to school by the following **Monday**. In addition to our reading journals, we will be sending some maths challenge work home this term.

Welcome

Welcome to Term 3! We hope you enjoyed a relaxing Christmas and New Year. We have another exciting term ahead of us; with some amazing trips, some great projects, and a small group of children will be taking part in the fantastic Robo Challenge competition at IBM!

Well done to all of those children who have returned their Christmas homework.

What will my child be learning this term?

NUMERACY	Fractions & decimals	We will be learning to add fractions, simplify fractions and about the relationship between fractions and decimals. We will be solving real life problems involving fractions and decimals. We will continue to work on our times tables - if your child is not confident with their times tables please work with them at home!
LITERACY	The Rope	We will be looking at the story <i>The Rope</i> by Philippa Pearce. We will be using this story to explore our own fears through drama and creative writing. We will add to this by reading the poem <i>Life Doesn't Frighten Me</i> and creating artwork in the style of Jean-Michel Basquiat.
SCIENCE	Materials	We are going to create safe homes for our Egg Babies, make our own bouncy balls and investigate ways of keeping tea nice and warm! We will look at reversible and irreversible changes and the difference between liquids, solids and gases.
Geography	Where does water come from?	In our exciting water topic, we will look at water sources, the journey of a raindrop, the water cycle and the rivers of Britain. To learn more about the British rivers we have a trip to the River Thames planned at the end of this term.
Art	Sketching	We will be focusing on landscapes this term and will be putting our skills into practice on a field trip to sketch on location!

Thank you

Miss Carrier, Mr Overy, Miss Melehi and Miss Beaton