



Hill Mead Primary School

Year 2

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Spring Term 3 2010

Welcome

Welcome back and Happy New Year!
Miss Huszar is your new Team Leader as Miss Wild has sadly left to support Year 6. Miss Huszar will remain as the Year 2 red class teacher for the time being. If you have any concerns or issues regarding Year 2 please consult Miss Huszar. We have a very busy Term planned including two trips so it's very important that year 2 are focussed and ready to learn.

Reminders

PE:

PE is on Monday and Wednesday for BOTH classes. Please ensure your child has the school PE kit.

Reading:

Please continue to read with your child every day. Good readers become good writers!

Book Bags:

You need to ensure your child has a Hill Mead book bag which only contains their reading book, reading record and red spelling book.

Spellings:

Spellings - We have been sending home the reception, year 1/2 and year 3/4 key words. Spelling tests are one of the main ways that children learn their key words. It is so important that they are part of your evening and weekend routine. Many children still need to learn their Reception key words - as well as Year 2. They must learn them.

What will my child be learning this term?

NUMERACY	Place value Multiplication Division	We will be continuing to work on place value this term and beginning to look at multiplication and division. This is a new concept for the children so please try and support the children at home as much as possible. The children are confident counting in 2s, 5s and 10s so our next step is to turn these into the times tables, $1 \times 2 = 2$, $2 \times 2 = 4$ etc.....
LITERACY	Instructional Writing Explanations 'The Great Race'	We will be linking our Literacy work to our topic, China. We will be writing instructions on how to make a Chinese Stir-Fry, as well as making it of course! We will also be reading a book about how the Chinese New Years were invented by reading the story, The Great Race.
SCIENCE	Forces and Motion	What is a force? How can we make something go faster? What slows down a moving object. As part of this fun topic we will also be visiting the Science Museum.
GEOGRAPHY/ HISTORY	China	Our main topic this term is all about China. We will looking at China through our enquiry question, 'What is Chinese New Year'. We will be visiting the Horniman Museum to find out all about the traditions and customs of Chinese New Year.
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY	Moving Parts	How can we design a Chinese Dragon with a moving mouth? We will be investigating different methods of making moving parts.

Homework

We are going to continue with our reading journals this term as we are really seeing a difference in some children's writing. We would appreciate any feedback from parents about their thoughts on the reading journals.

Thank you

Miss Huszar, Mr Harris, Mrs White and Mrs Smith