



**Hill Mead Primary
School**

Year 2

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Welcome Back!

Its been a busy start to the term and its nice how well the new year 2s have settled in. We are looking forward to learning about the Jamaican Bobsleigh as our topic for this term. We are looking forward to a successful year and we appreciate your support with your child's learning. Please feel free to contact us if you have any queries.

Reminders

PE:
PE lessons in Year 3 take place on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure your child brings in their PE kit every Friday.

Reading:
Please encourage your child to read every evening. Ideally an adult should listen to a child read so that you can help improve their confidence at reading. We will also appreciate if you could make a comment about their reading in the reading record.

Please ensure that your child comes to school on time. **SCHOOL STARTS AT 8.55am and FINISHES AT 3.10pm.**

Homework

Homework in Year 3 is set every Tuesday and should be returned to school completed on the Monday. The homework will consist of a Literacy and Numeracy task as well as spellings to be learnt each week. Spelling test will take place in school on Mondays.

What will my child be learning this term?

NUMERACY	'Calculating numbers'	We are learning about odd and even numbers, doubling numbers, and sequencing. We have also introduced maths challenge cards where children can independently try and solve maths problems.
LITERACY	'Gregory Cool'	We have started reading our new class book called 'Gregory Cool'. Year 2 will base their learning around this book and will include role plays, writing a postcard and diary entries. Writing techniques will be further improved with the use of connectives and adjectives.
TOPIC	'Jamaican Bobsleigh'	Our Black History topic is based around the Olympics. Year 2 will be finding out about the 1988 Jamaican Bobsleigh team. This will involve researching the history of the bobsleigh team, understanding why the team was set up and comparing and contrasting the two countries Jamaica and Canada.
Art	'Designing a Bobsleigh'	Children will be looking at planning and designing their own Bobsleigh. They will be looking at the features of it and why it is suitable for such weather conditions.

Thank you

Ms Williams, Ms Waters, Ms Mckenna, Ms Beaton, Ms Brown and Ms White