



Hickling Curriculum Newsletter ~ Spring 1

Dear Parents,

This half term our topic is called 'May the force be with you.'

As Miss Watson is still awaiting surgery, Ms. Owen-Smith will continue to teach the class, ably supported by Ms. Freij. Please cross your fingers that the surgery date is soon, to enable Miss Watson to return to us in good health.

Here is some more information about what the children will be learning this half term:

<p>English Our main focus this half term is spelling & punctuation. We will improve our understanding of plurals, hyphens, apostrophes, proof reading, root words/derivations and building new words.</p>	<p>Maths In Maths we will be focusing on decimals, percentages, 2 step problems, reasoning and shape.</p>	<p>Science By the end of this half term the children will be able to identify and explain the different forces acting on objects. They will investigate the effects of friction, identify the variables in an investigation, make observations and conclusions.</p>	<p>PSHE Staying Healthy & Keeping Myself Safe NSPCC online safety workshop Comic Relief 15th March~ wear red</p>
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Topic – May the force be with you

Our topic for this half-term will have a science/ DT focus and will culminate in challenge week at the end of term. During this week the children will complete mechanical models using a variety of cams, levers and linkages as well as finding ways to ensure their eggs stay in one piece when subjected to a variety of forces! We will also test the children's marble runs they have made for homework.

Resource plea – in order to make our models we would appreciate good cardboard – cereal packets, delivery boxes, dishwasher/washing tablet boxes would be ideal. These items can be brought in at any time so we have a supply to practice with as well as make our final pieces.

Helpful Websites

Below you will find some websites that can be useful to support your children's learning at home on the internet.

Maths

www.mathletics.co.uk

Writing & GPS (Grammar Punctuation & Spelling)

www.purplemash.co.uk

Books and Book Bags

Thank you for continuing to read with your children and writing a comment in their reading records. It is very important that your child is reading every day. The children can change their books as soon as they have read them.

P.E Kits

We plan to have PE on Monday and Wednesday. However, please ensure PE kits remain in school all week as they may need to do PE at different times to their usual lesson. The children will have PE outside on Monday and at the village hall on Wednesday. Details of PE kits are on the school website.

Snacks

Please provide your child with a piece of fruit for morning break.

Drinks

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle, this should be placed on the shelf by the sink in the classroom. Milk that is ordered with school dinners will be given to children at morning break. Water will be the only drink provided at lunchtime.

Dates

28th Feb: Y4-6 football club starts 3.15-4.15~ let Mrs. Jarrett know

4th March: Y6 to Crucial Crew~ own packed lunch needed (no school packed lunch available)

6th March: NSPCC workshops

7th March: World Book Day~ £1 donation to NSPCC if costume worn

8th March: Red noses on sale

14th March: Football match Dunham vs Sporle

15th March: Red Nose Day~£1 donation if wearing red

21st March: Y5 football day

27th March: Science Workshop at Norwich School

28th March: Football match Litcham vs Dunham

1st April: Y5 Netball day

2nd April: class photos

4th April: Great Egg Challenge

5th April: Easter hat parade and celebrations

I hope that this information is useful, if you have any questions please do come and talk to us.

Kind Regards,

The Year 5/6 Team

Miss Watson, Ms. Owen-Smith, Ms. Freij