



# Hickling Curriculum Newsletter ~ Spring 1

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are looking forward to a busy half term filled with lots of learning. This half term in Hickling we are going to be exploring and learning about inheritance and evolution; building on the children's prior knowledge to develop their understanding and scientific skills.

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

<p><b>English</b> Children will be developing their story telling and writing skills. We will be focusing on writing a journey or quest tale and persuasive writing. We will also be exploring and writing a range of poetry.</p> <p><b>Spelling</b> Children will have spelling lessons during the week based on a common sound, pattern or rule. Please encourage your child to continue learning the common exception words at home – if you require a copy of this list, please let one of us know.</p>	<p><b>Maths</b> In Maths we are using White Rose Maths resources as the children continue to explore the curriculum. As always, Mathletics is a great way to practise the skills that we cover in class. Please continue to encourage your child to use this regularly at home.</p>	<p><b>Science</b> The children will learn about inheritance and evolution. We will be learning how inheritance has led to the evolution of humans and animals. We will be developing our investigative skills, how we present data in a scientific way and learning scientific theories, concepts and vocabulary.</p>	<p><b>Music</b> The children will have an hour of music each week with Ms Owen-Smith. They will be developing their singing and percussion skills based on the requirements of the National Curriculum. The focus of this half term is the genre of Jazz.</p>
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**Topic – Inheritance and evolution.**

The children are going to develop their understanding of evolution. They will learn about how inherited characteristics and traits lead to evolution of animal species. We will discover and learn scientific concepts and theories, develop our understanding of biology and look at evolutionary scientists. We will use evolution to influence our learning in art, creating art work to show and develop our scientific and art skills.

## **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](http://www.mathletics.co.uk)

### **Reading**

[www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

### **Writing & GPS (Grammar Punctuation & Spelling)**

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zhrrd2p>

### **Topic related**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zg87xnb>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/egypt/ten-facts-about-ancient-egypt/>

### **Year 6 SATs Homework**

Children in Year 6 will be set homework on a Monday from the CGP books which they have in school. This homework should be completed and returned by Thursday. Please encourage your child to give these ago and remind them that, should they get stuck, we are here to help.

### **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. Please help the children develop a love of reading by sharing these books with them, talking about why they have chosen them and discussing what they have enjoyed, or not, about them.

### **P.E Kits**

We plan to have PE on Tuesday and Wednesday; however, please send PE kits in on Monday and allow your child to leave their kit 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 both days. 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 in school. Milk that is ordered with school dinners will be given to children at morning break. Water will be the only drink provided at lunchtime.

### **Writing and Maths Clubs**

There will be writing and maths clubs both during and after school running this half term. The children will be spoken to about attending these clubs and they will be invaluable in developing the children's mathematical and writing skills and we strongly recommend children attend these if invited.

### **Key dates**

#### **14<sup>th</sup> February - Reports**

We hope that this information is useful, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and talk to either of us.

Kind Regards,

The Year 5/6 Team

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