



Highcliffe News



**Autumn 1
September 2023**

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year and my first as Head of School. It has been so lovely to receive such a warm welcome from the Highcliffe community!

Welcome to our new families across the school and those our pupils in EYFS. Myself and the team look forward to working in partnership with so that we can best support your child and ensure that they have a positive primary school experience.

Pupils have made an impressive start to the new academic year and have begun to settle into the routines of their new classes. We continue to explore with the children our 6R's and remind them to always be:

- **Ready**
- **Respectful**
- **Safe**

Curriculum news : You should by now have received information about what your child will be learning in school this term. We will continue to work hard to ensure that our curriculum is inspiring and engaging. We know that you have found information evenings, stay and learn sessions and the Friday Flyer useful so we will ensure that those continue.

Our school site is looking and fantastic and we are very grateful to our premises team who work so hard to make it that way. We have a wonderful project coming up to develop the embankment in to a wildlife garden that the children can enjoy - Watch this space!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Stewart

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At Highcliffe we are:

Ready
Respectful
Safe



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- R**uler for tables and graphs
- O**ops – cross out the mistake neatly
- U**nderline with a ruler
- D**ate – written neat and underlined



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- L**isten
- A**sk and answer
- N**o talking
- T**rack the speaker



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6R Stars

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A huge congratulations to these pupils who, by consistently demonstrating the 6Rs and going 'above and beyond', have become role-models for the school community to aspire to.



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parents/children to visit
to apply is:

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In order to be in for a chance to get a badge,
children just need to:

1. Fill out the online form telling CBBC about a book they have read what they think about it
2. Upload an illustration of a character or a scene from the story. This could be a drawing, painting or even digital artwork.
3. Let them know what other books and authors you have enjoyed reading and why.

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EYFS

Wow, what a fantastic first couple of weeks we have had! We have been delighted to see many smiling faces walk through our doors ready to start your day at school. You have really settled well into your school routine. We are very proud of you all!

We have been really impressed with how well behaved the children have been at lunchtimes using fantastic table manners. The children have done really well carrying their own lunch trays and eating their dinners.

It has been wonderful getting to know you all, we just know we are going to have plenty of fun this year together in EYFS. You have been exploring all of our areas this week, construction and creative station seem to be a cohort favourite at the moment. You have all worked hard already, your tidying up is impressive to say the least! We are all being very responsible just like responsibility penguin.

We are very excited to share your first year at school with you and cannot wait to see your smiling faces walk through our doors every morning.

Miss Lee and Mrs Hammond



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Class 1EH

Well, what can I say about my new class apart from the fact that they are brilliant! The transition between EYFS and Year 1 can be tricky, but all of the children have taken to it so well. They are understanding the morning routines when they enter the classroom and are ready to work straight after the register has been taken.

In English, for all of this term, we are reading books about Toys. We have started reading "Dogger" by Shirley Hughes and we have been discussing the feelings of the characters. In Maths, we have focussed on representing numbers to ten in a variety of different ways. The children are very confident with this, which is so lovely to see. Our topic for this term is 'Toys from the past' so we will be discussing toys that they play with today to the toys that their grandparents used to play with in the past.

I am so excited to have my class and I look forward to teaching them over the next academic year.

Miss Hardy



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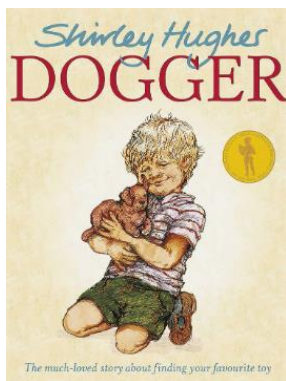
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Class 1SP

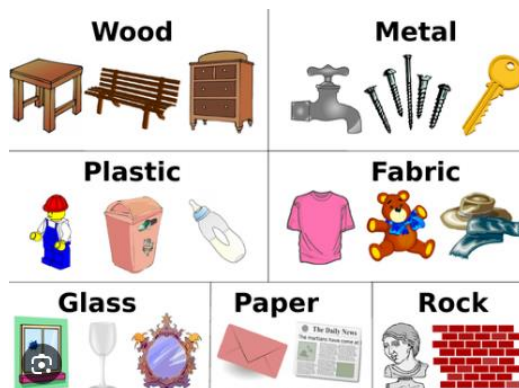


A warm welcome back to school and welcome to Year 1! We have had an awesome start to the first term and I am proud at how well our little learners have settled in and adjusted to their new class.



Our topic this term is on Toys which has certainly captured the children's interest. They enjoyed sharing their favourite toys to the class and were confident speakers in describing their toy. We have lots of exciting lessons planned around this topic including an expert visiting us to talk about toys from the past!

In Phonics, we have been securing Phase 5 sounds and retrieving our sticky knowledge on the sounds learnt to help develop our writing skills. The children have been fantastic at recalling and implementing the sounds and working very hard on their handwriting skills.



In Maths, we have been securing our number sense up to 10 which will then progress onto 20. The children have been demonstrating Resourcefulness in their Place Value topic using their learning environment to help them develop their number skills.

The children have shown great resilience and I am super excited to be part of their Year 1 journey to see them flourish and grow.

Mrs Patel

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Class 2LW

Welcome to Year 2! I am so impressed with how well the children have settled into their new classroom and into their learning.

We have started the year thinking about our own goals with our learning and we have made them into a wonderful display to remind us every day ☺.



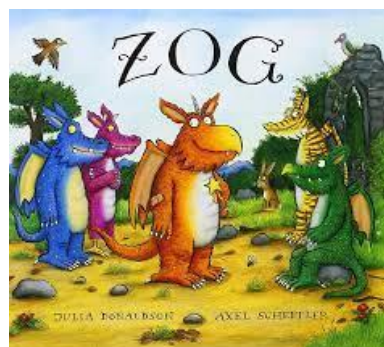
This term we are learning all about castles and knights. The children have already started to learn the names of the key parts of the castles and to think about how the different parts of the castles protected the people living in them. We have also really enjoyed reading our first class book, Zog. The children have been so enthusiastic about learning lots of new facts and have had some great ideas about their own 'Dragon School'.

In Maths, we have been learning all about the place value of 2-digit numbers and we have worked with lots of different Maths equipment to show off our knowledge of partitioning. The children have shown great reciprocity when working together and I am very proud of them.

In PE, we have also started our swimming lessons. It was amazing to see all of the children challenging themselves, especially those children where it was their first time ever going swimming. They were all amazing!

I am really looking forward to all of the exciting things coming up in Year 2! Keep shining bright, Year 2 superstars ☺.

Miss Williamson



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Class 2SM

Welcome to Year 2! The children have settled in really well since coming back to school after the summer holidays. We are very proud of them and how they have adapted to Year 2.

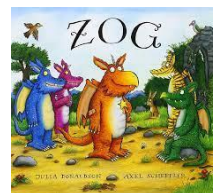
We thought about our goals for and created a lovely display board together full of things we wanted to achieve by the end of the academic year.



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In PSHE we have been learning about friendship and what to do if we are feeling lonely. The children have come up with some lovely ideas to help their friends to be happy in school.

Keep up the hard work Year 2. We have lots of lovely things to look forward to!

Mrs Macdonald

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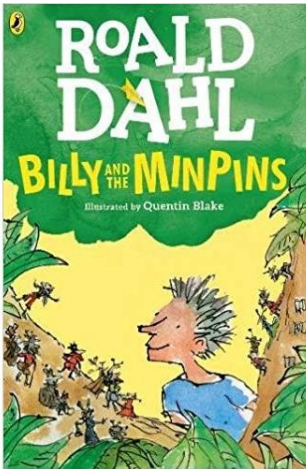
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Class 3AK

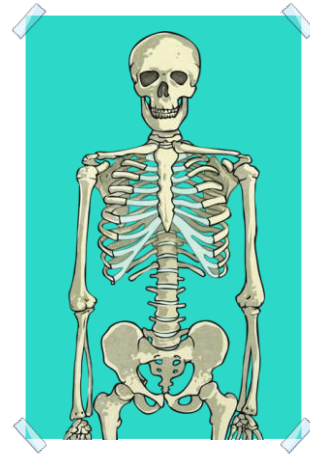
What a great start to the new school year we have had in 3AK! The children have settled so well into Year 3 and we are so proud of them.

We have kick started the year with the text 'Billy and the Minpins' by Roald Dahl. We are all thoroughly enjoying reading this book and are starting to produce some fantastic work from it in English. So far, we have produced a character description of the main character and will be moving on to write a persuasive letter in the coming weeks.



In Maths, the children developing their understanding of place value of numbers up to 1,000. Once this is secured, we will be moving on to look at addition and subtraction.

In Science, we are studying Animals, including Humans, focusing on different types of skeletons, the purpose of these and the importance of muscles in an animals body.



In Geography, we have been looking at counties in the United Kingdom, how to locate and name these and then comparing towns and cities within them.

In PE, we are developing and applying our catching and throwing skills to the sport Handball. We have also started swimming on a Wednesday which the children are thoroughly enjoying!

We are so excited for the year ahead – keep up the good work 3AK! ☺
Miss Wass and Miss Peel.

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Class 3EM

Class 3EM have had a wonderful start to year 3 and key stage 2! The children have blown me away with how quickly they have adapted to new routines and with their increasing independence. I am so proud that we have already been able to achieve an attendance award this term and have no doubts that they will keep this up through the year!



In English, the class has been reading the book 'Billy and the Minpins' by Roald Dahl and the children have been extremely engaged and curious to learn more about the Gruncher monster! The children have been identifying exciting adjectives to write character descriptions and even learning to use prepositions in their work.

In maths, we are securing our understanding of place value of numbers up to 1000. This has included learning to partition numbers and represent them in different ways. The children have been demonstrating their resourcefulness by using dienes to support their learning when necessary and are always showing resilience if there is a challenge.

We have been exploring the United Kingdom in geography, learning how to locate and name major counties, towns and cities. We will go on to look more closely at Leicestershire and its physical and human features.

The effort all the children have been putting into their work has been amazing and I can't wait to see them progress through year 3 😊

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Class 4AW

What a great start we have had to the new school year! The children have settled so well onto The Greengate side of school and I couldn't be prouder of them. I am very much looking forward to our journey together in Year 4 and seeing the children progress.

The children have already written some great poetry based on the poem "The Sound Collector" and have performed these enthusiastically to one another.



We are now busy looking at setting descriptions and how we can use our five senses to write about a circus.

In Maths, the children are using our 6Rs to secure their understanding of place value of numbers up to 10,000. They are also working hard at learning their times tables.

Our "Anglo Saxons" topic has really captured the interest of the children and is helping to develop their sense of chronology. They are trying really hard to remember the "sticky" knowledge related to the topic.



In Science, we are studying "Forces and Magnets." We will then use this knowledge to help us to plan and make a fairground ride. In Art, we have started to make a fairground picture. So far, we have used water colours to make a background wash and soon we will add in the detail.

It certainly has been a busy and enjoyable start to the year and there is still so much more to look forward to as the year goes on.

Keep working hard 4AW and keep smiling.

Mrs. Wilby.

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Class 4KM

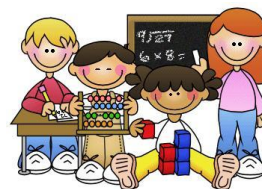
4KM have made an excellent start to the year. I have been blown away with how quickly they have settled into a new building and a new classroom, and adjusted to the new routines and expectations that year 4 brings. All the children are doing a fantastic job at showing their 6Rs; I have been particularly impressed with the responsibility and respect they have shown throughout our first week together!

In our History lessons we have been learning all about the Anglo-Saxons, and the children are really impressing me with how much knowledge they have already!

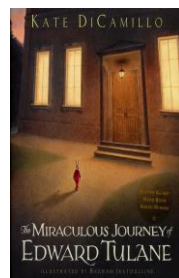
In Art, we have begun looking at the work of a fairground sign design artist, Fred Fowle, observing the different textures and patterns used in preparation to make our fairground ride sign which we will present when we build out actual fairground rides later on in the year.



In Maths, we have been working hard to secure our place value knowledge of numbers up to 10,000. The children have been demonstrating excellent reciprocity by working as a team to tackle our learning in maths this week.



We will soon be starting a new book in English; The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane:



We will be doing some informal letter writing in character as 'Edward' from the book. It is such a lovely story and I can't wait to start it with them.

4KM have made me so happy these past few weeks. They are so polite and hard-working and I feel very lucky to be their teacher for this year!

Miss Mason

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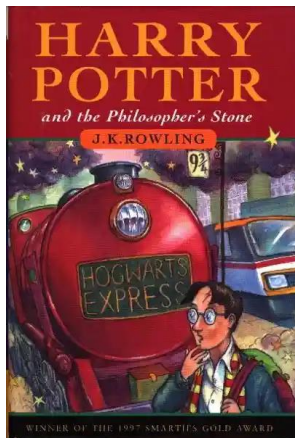
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Class 5NP

It is with great delight to say that the children have settled in year 5 really well. All the children have started bonding with each other really well and have been showing the 6Rs

The children really enjoyed developing their teamwork skills by attempting to build the tallest tower using spaghetti and blu tak. The children showed reciprocity during this task by sharing their ideas and supporting each other!

I am pleased to express that all the children have showed resilience towards their learning by being resourceful. In English, the children have written a fantastic opening of Harry Potter by creating a mysterious and magical atmosphere.



In Maths, the children have started working really hard by recognising, comparing and ordering numbers up to a million! It has been a pleasure to see how determined the children are to challenge themselves and to progress in their learning.

In Art, the children have started to design their Greek pots using Greek patterns. Next week, the children will be making their Greek pots using clay.



Finally, I would like to conclude by saying what an amazing start to the year! Keep it up, 5NP!

Mr Patel



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Class 5EC

5EC have made a fantastic start to the year, and I'm really impressed by how well all of the children have settled into the class. The children have already been showing a lot of resourcefulness in our lessons, as well as being reflective about their learning.

In our Geography lessons we have been learning all about the Greece and how its climate and geography compare to the UK and the children have come up with some very interesting ideas in their discussions!

In Art, we have begun looking how to manipulate clay to create objects, as well as beginning to design their own Greek pots. I'm really looking forward to seeing how their designs will look on the pots!



In Maths, the children have been extending their learning about place value, learning about numbers up to 1,000,000. The children have been showing fantastic resilience in their lessons, and keep having a go and challenging themselves with the work they choose.



In English we have begun reading Harry Potter, which the children have been very enthusiastic about! The children have also begun to write descriptive pieces based on the setting of Harry Potter, and will soon be extending their knowledge by writing a diary entry about visiting Diagon Alley.

The children have had an amazing start, and I'm really looking forward to spending a busy next few weeks with them!

Miss Clayton

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Class 6CG



We have had a strong start to year 6 in 6CG. All of the children have shown such resilience and responsibility with their learning and have settled into life in year 6 very well. We have both been very impressed and are looking forward taking them through their last year at Highcliffe and seeing them grow even more!

The children have already completed some fantastic pieces of work. They have written a story in English based on our core text 'Warhorse' and have really understood the perspective they were writing from. They have completed the first maths unit of place value and have been challenging themselves every lesson with numbers up to 10,000,000!

We are all enjoying our Britain at War topic and have already learned so much about WW1 and the beginning of WW2. We have placed key events on a timeline and learned about the alliances held by some countries.



We certainly have a lot planned for the children over the next few weeks. Well done for a fantastic start to the year 6CG, Keep up the good work!

Miss Bee and Mr Watts ☺

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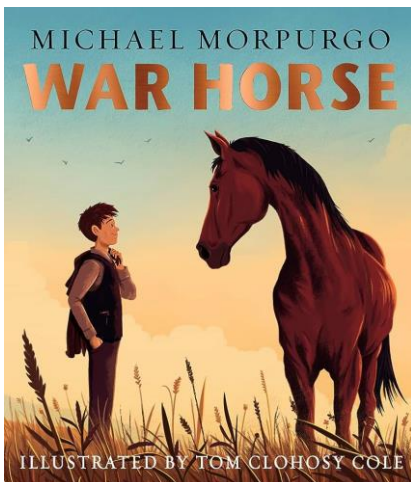
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Class 6RP

What a fantastic start we have had to Year 6! I am very proud at how well all the children in 6RP have settled in to their new class this week. The transition has been very smooth and I really look forward to the year ahead where I will see each individual continue to grow academically and holistically.

We are absolutely loving our WWII topic, resulting in us being fully engrossed in our learning and asking fantastic questions in an effort to learn more! I am looking forward to delving deeper into our WWII topic in our English lessons and creating some wonderful writing linking our topic knowledge to our class book War Horse.



In Maths, we have been working hard to secure our place value knowledge in lessons where the children have been demonstrating fantastic resilience & responsibility for their own learning.

In PSHE this week the children have been engaging in great discussions around 'Health and Wellbeing' and created some fantastic posters on the importance of looking after our physical and mental wellbeing.



It certainly has been a busy start to Year 6 but there is still so much to look forward to. Keep up the great work 6RP! ☺

Mrs Pabla

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PE Fundraiser

On Wednesday 4th October, we will be holding an exciting PE fundraising event.

This is to raise money for additional resources for PE.

On this day, we will have an Olympic swimmer named Joe Roebuck visiting Highcliffe to engage in exciting activities with each and every child in our school.

Each class will participate in a variety of sporting activities and we are asking for them to be sponsored for doing this.

Your child/children will be bringing home a sponsorship form next week which will give you more details about this event.

As a school, we are looking forward to see the children engage in this event and raising money for the school at the same time.



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Parentmail Reminders

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School Dinners

Please be aware that there has been a increase to dinner payments on Beehive. Year 2 children moving up to Year 3 will also need to pay for dinners as Universal Free School Meals is only for KS1 children.



Dates for your diary

Parent Session Y4, Y5, Y6 <u>20th September 2023</u> 8:45-9:45am	Reading Event <u>25th September 2023</u> EYFS- Y6
Parent Session Y1, Y2, Y3 <u>28th September 2023</u> 8:45-9:45am	Y6 Residential Meeting <u>20th September 2023</u>
	Parents Evening <u>10th and 11th October</u> <u>2023</u>

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