



# Hillcroft Primary School

Friday 15th March 2024

**Nurturing children to achieve their personal best**

**Nurture Inspire Strive**

Dear Parents & Carers,

With another busy few weeks behind us, I share below what each year group has been learning about as part of their wider curriculum projects:

- Nursery - Children have been exploring Aboriginal art and the work of Alma Woodsey Thomas.
- Reception - Children have been thinking about their use of colour, shape and line in their artwork, as well as choices they can make with their own art work.
- Y1 - Children have been drawing simple maps of their school environment, and will begin to explore the use of pencil in art.
- Y2 - Children have been exploring the work of Roy Lichtenstein and turning their focus to printing.
- Y3 - Children have been focusing on what we can learn about a historical period through art, and then turning their focus to portraits.
- Y4 - Children have been considering the importance of monograms under Viking and Anglo-Saxon rule.
- Y5 - Children have been creating silhouettes and transferring these images onto a 3D surface.
- Y6 - Children have been making comparisons between Baghdad and Britain circa 900 CE, before turning their focus to the features of Islamic art.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended the wider curriculum parent workshop on Tuesday- the slides from this workshop are now available on the school website.

A reminder that we have our Year 2, 3 & 5 celebration assemblies coming up at the end of this term. Please refer to the key dates calendar for dates and times. We hope to see you there.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Miss Summers

## **Key Dates:**

Please see link to whole school Key Dates calendar:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/18bNylzgww2qdmfwcFkypQe-ZxIRc6hJTGnHXv9cLGrM/edit>



*A message from Mrs Pearson.*

## **Thrive Fun Day**

*As you are all aware, Hillcroft has embedded Thrive throughout the whole school. Every child receives Thrive weekly, whether it is class based, group based or 1:1 individual. We currently have five awards and the gold "Thrive School of excellence" award which we were awarded in March 2022, only the 7<sup>th</sup> school at the time to receive this in England. The awards we hold are:*

- \*Thrive Ambassador School with Excellence in Environment*
- \* Thrive Ambassador School with Excellence in Reparative*
- \*Thrive Ambassador School with Excellence in Right-Time*
- \*Thrive Ambassador School with Excellence in Leadership*
- \*Thrive Ambassador School with Excellence in Relationship.*

*Since receiving these wonderful awards, we like to celebrate this each year, and are planning our whole school Thrive Fun Day on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. This will be a whole school event celebrating Thrive. There will be a timetable of different activities, Mindfulness, Rachael Reynolds School of Dance and a lovely Assembly. Children do not have to wear school uniform on this day but we are asking if they can wear a Thrive colour, which are Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue and Purple. I do hope the children will enjoy this day. We believe the children should celebrate their hard work and understanding of what Thrive is all about at Hillcroft.*

## **Date to remember!**

*Our next coffee afternoon will be on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm in the Treehouse. Please come through the carpark.*

*Our next Thrive workshop will start in the Summer Term. We are looking at running this on a Tuesday Night starting on 4<sup>th</sup> June to 9<sup>th</sup> July. If you would like to book a space, please email me as they will go very quickly. [D.Pearson@hillcroftschoo.org](mailto:D.Pearson@hillcroftschoo.org)*

## A Reading Community

This week, Mr walker, a year 5 teacher, shares his recommendations:

### EYFS

#### **Green Eggs and Ham by Dr Seuss**

A rhyming book about trying something new. Written as part of a challenge to create a children's book using only 50 different words, Dr Seuss uses the imagination to encourage trying different foods. Could you, would you, read this book? Would you, could you, in a nook?

### KS1

#### **The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad**

It's Faizah's first day of school, and her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab - made of a beautiful blue fabric. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful. In the face of hurtful, confusing words, will Faizah find new ways to be strong? This is an uplifting, universal story of new experiences, the unbreakable bond shared by siblings and of being proud of who you are.

### LKS2

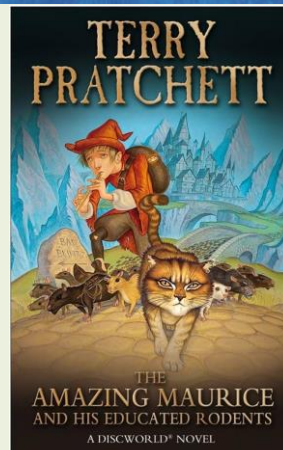
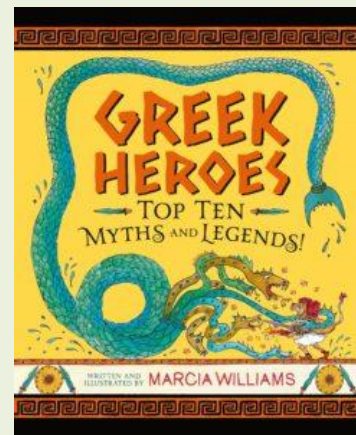
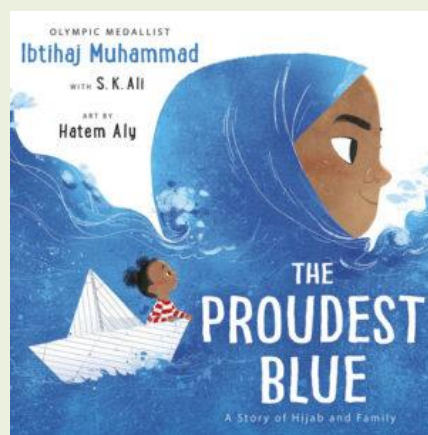
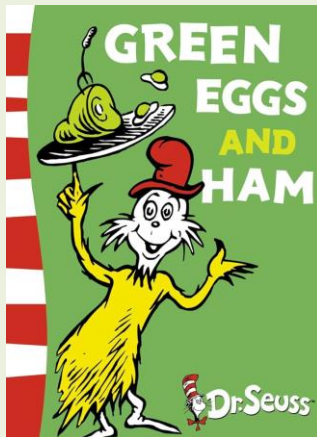
#### **Greek Heroes - top ten myths and legends by Marcia Williams**

Meet the mighty gods and goddesses of Mount Olympus and some of the world's best-loved heroes and heroines. In this book you'll find the stories of Perseus, Orpheus and Eurydice, Heracles and many more. The lively text and humorous cartoon style make these stories accessible and fun for younger readers.

### UKS2

#### **Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents by Terry Pratchett**

Also released as a film, this book takes the traditional story of the Pied Piper and turns it on its head. The rats are running a scam, and the rat catchers are evil. A fun, thought-provoking, satirical parody of the fairy tale.



## Our Children's Talents and Interests



Thalia, Year 1- passed her rolling skating grade 1 at the weekend having been able to perfect her snakes.



Emily, Year 5- has been learning how to use the art tools on her iPad. She's very proud of these pictures.



Madeline, Year 3- decided she would cook dinner and dessert all by herself. The final result was impressive.



Aurora, Year 1- performed fantastically in her drama school's performance of a section of Peter Pan. She was so confident, and we are so proud of her.



Joseph, Year 4- had a fantastic time filming for a short film. He especially enjoyed having his wound make up done.



Callum, Danielle, Lottie, Roma, Lacey and Jessica, Year 6- designed a 'we are all different' poster. It is displayed on the leadership office door if you would like a closer look!



Violet, Year 1- made a chocolate and fruit cake for her family.



Albie, Year 1- got a medal at karate for trying his best and good listening. He is extremely proud of himself as he should be!

In other news...



### **Computing Update from Mrs Winsor**

What is Palworld?

Palworld is a new game similar to Pokemon and Digimon with a PEGI rating of 12 for fantasy-character-style violence. Given its similarity to Pokemon there's every likelihood that younger children will be playing this game and so Internet Matters have compiled some advice and guidance for parents about the game: what it is, how it works, safety settings etc.

You can find the article [HERE](#)

### **Attendance Notice**

A reminder to parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority, they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

### **Volunteers**

We are always looking for volunteers in school to hear children read or support on school trips. If you are able to offer any support, however big or small- please email Mrs Page on [a.page@hillcroftschoo.org](mailto:a.page@hillcroftschoo.org). Your time and support is really appreciated.