



**HILL HOUSE**  
INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR SCHOOL

# The Small School Scoop



Dear Parents,

This week we introduced a new key text: 'The Tree' by Neal Layton which is about a couple who want to build a dream house where a tall tree stands. Just as they are about to cut the tree down, they realise that there are lots of different animals living in it. This has prompted lots of discussion and debate about what the couple should do. The children have enjoyed learning about animal habitats, so much so that many of them have chosen to build animal houses as part of Learning and Exploring: Charlotte made a tree out of boxes; Kerim and Eva made a drey for some squirrels; Odin cut a hollow in the tree for an owl; Meelo and Sasha researched where hedgehogs live and collected dry leaves to make them a bed. Outside, Zachary, Lillian, Safiya and Rahma built large houses using bread crates, large wooden blocks and guttering and enjoyed trying them out for size. Have a look at the photos to see what the children have been making.

As you know, we are incredibly good at repurposing junk into amazing creations. We are running very low on boxes, yoghurt pots, tubs and tubes for junk modelling. Please can you raid your recycling bins and send in some donations. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Mrs Rogers has found another exciting science experiment for you to try with your children at home this weekend. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cgwkF2fbqBE>  
We would love to see how you get on with the experiments. Please send photos of any attempts – successful or not – to [healde@hillhouseschool.co.uk](mailto:healde@hillhouseschool.co.uk)

This week a special mention goes to our merit children: Lillie (S1), Jaden (S2), Kerim (S3), Chance (S4) and Rominiyi (S5). They all received a merit in Small School assembly for working hard to complete activities, being kind and helpful .

**Please make sure you return the merit badge to school at the end of your child's week as merit.**

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

*The Small School Team.*

## Important dates:

Monday 31 May

– Friday 4 June

Half Term

July 7

Field Day

Term ends at 4pm

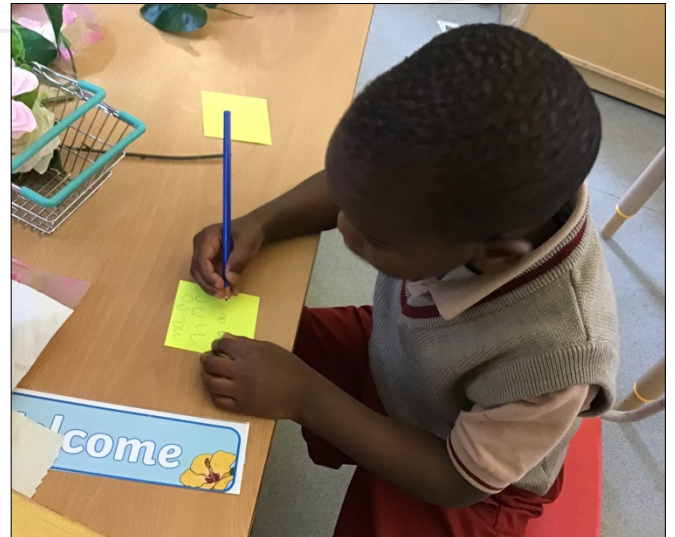


## Our week in pictures

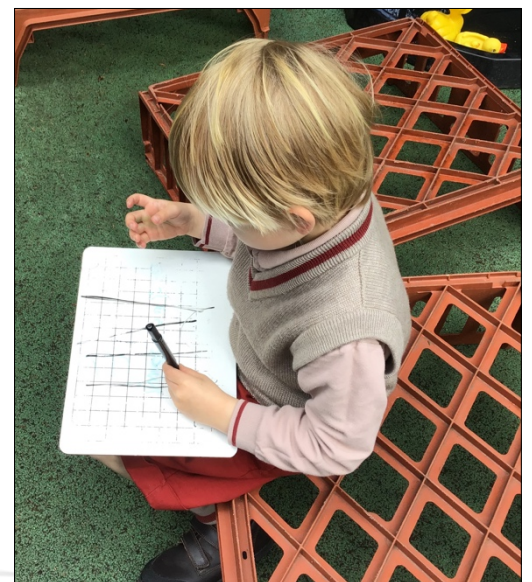


*This week the children have enjoyed constructing homes and buildings, big and small. Clockwise from top left: Lillie, Matilda and Ava collaborated to create this fantastic zoo; Zachary, Lillian and Safiya were very proud of their house; Charlotte made this fabulous tree and Odin helped make the hollow for the owl to live in; Rahma made sure she put out some food for the animals living in the house she built from the large wooden blocks.*





*At Small School we love to see the children absorbed in their learning. This week the children have been especially motivated to write in all areas of the Learning and Exploring zone. Clockwise from top left: Theodore and Henry reported on a football match; Maro wrote out receipts in the garden centre; Felix enjoyed some al-fresco writing; John and Lawson designed a super-duper campervan; Sasha labelled his colourful painting.*



# What we will learn next week:

## Phonics

We will be consolidating phase 3 digraphs and reading phase 4 tricky words.

## Mathematics

We will be learning doubles facts.

## Topic

We will be continuing with our text 'The Tree' and planning our own treehouses.

## French

The children will review the new vocabulary 'les parties du corps' and learn about 'les 5 sens'.

## Health and Hygiene

Miss Jarvis will be teaching the children about how to look after our skin in the sun- in the hope that the sun comes out again soon!

## Swimming

In Swimming the children will be continuing to build water confidence and playing games in the water.

## Gym

In Gym we will be preparing for Field Day.

## Home Learning

Please continue to read with your child every day and write in their reading records.

We would love to see some photographs of your attempts at this week's science experiment. Please email photos to [healde@hillhouseschool.co.uk](mailto:healde@hillhouseschool.co.uk)



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## What are we eating next week?

	Morning Break	Lunch
Monday	Wholemeal bread and butter	Spaghetti with Italian meatballs, roasted red pepper sauce, parmesan and peas <i>Vegetarian option:</i> Pasta with roasted red pepper sauce, peas, parmesan Greek yoghurt with raspberry and honey
Tuesday	Oatcakes with cheese	Cod fillet fish fingers, basmati rice, peas Pink lady apples
Wednesday	Homemade houmous, organic breadsticks and carrots	Vegetarian chilli con carne with chickpeas, tortillas, cheese Fruit salad with peaches and strawberries
Thursday	Organic Kallo Ricecakes with cream cheese	Homemade pizza margherita, crunchy green salad, olives Jelly
Friday	Homemade flapjacks with coconut	<i>Friday Club:</i> Sausages and mash, baked beans Ice cream

Please remember to encourage good table manners at home to ensure a calm and enjoyable environment for lunches at school