



HILL HOUSE
INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Small School Scoop



Dear Parents,

We would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year! It has been so lovely seeing the children return to Small School this week, eager to get stuck in to their learning. We have rearranged our Learning and Exploring space to provide more challenge and the children have enjoyed using different construction kits and extended role-play resources.

Our topic this term is 'Things that go!' and this encompasses all things related to transport, journeys, travel, places near and far and maps. We will be learning about different modes of transport starting with road vehicles. Later in the term, we will be taking the children to the London Transport Museum to learn about transport through the ages. More information will be sent home closer to the trip.

We were so delighted with the progress the children made in phonics and reading last term and would like to extend our thanks to you all for the support you have provided at home. This term we will be having a push on children applying their phonic knowledge in their writing. We will be encouraging children to write as part of their play in Learning and Exploring. This might take the form of labelling their buildings, drawing and annotating plans for constructions they wish to build, writing shopping lists or appointment cards in the role-play area or letters to Super Percy. We would encourage you to raise the profile of writing at home too. In a world of technology, there are few occasions when children see adults physically writing. We challenge you to dust off your memo pads and get writing in front of the children. This will lead to them mimicking you and having a go themselves. It goes without saying that any attempts the children make to write should be praised and encouraged – please do not be tempted to correct spellings at this stage.

Over the next few weeks the children will be receiving swimming awards in our whole school assembly. These recognise the progress the children have made in their swimming so far and is a lovely opportunity for them to celebrate their hard work with their friends. Unfortunately, we are currently still unable to invite parents to attend the whole school assemblies.

Friday Fun Club starts next week and Miss Göbl, Miss Young and Mrs Rogers have planned lots of fun activities. We need donations of 2-pint (1 litre) milk cartons for one of our craft activities.

This week a special mention goes to our merit children: Miki (S1), Alistair (S2), Maxi (S3), Paul (S4) and Ada (S5). They all received a merit in Small School assembly for an amazing start to term.

Please remember to return the merit badge at the end of the week so that it can be passed onto the next merit.

Best wishes,

The Small School Team

Important dates:

Swimming awards

19 January	S1
2 February	S2
23 February	S3
9 March	S4
23 March	S5



What we will learn next week:

Phonics

We will be learning to blend and segment with j and v and read tricky words he and she

Mathematics

We will be investigating different ways to make 6 and 7 and learning about pairs

C&L

We will be reading 'You can't take an elephant on the bus' and learning about different modes of transport

French

We will be learning vocabulary for *La famille*: *papa, maman, ma soeur, mon frère*

Health and Hygiene

We are learning about our senses and in particular our sense of sight

Circle Time

We will be talking about friendships and being kind and reading 'The Rainbow Fish'

Swimming

We will be reviewing push and glide techniques, submerging, blowing bubbles and playing rabbits and foxes

Gym

We will be learning some races starting with moving to music. We will then be working on the benches and climbing frames

Home Learning

Please continue to login to Rising Stars to read and complete the quizzes with your child online. Reading folders will be sent home next week.

What are we eating next week?

	Morning Break	Lunch
Monday	Wholemeal bread with butter and cheddar cheese	Pasta with homemade basil pesto, peas, parmesan (V) Greek yoghurt with berry compote and honey
Tuesday	Homemade houmous, organic bread sticks, carrot batons	Baked fresh salmon with dill and lemon butter, basmati rice, tenderstem broccoli Bananas
Wednesday	Organic oatcakes with cheddar cheese	Roast turkey breast or vegetarian Quorn chicken, baby new potatoes, fine green beans Grapes
Thursday	Organic kallo rice cakes, cream cheese	Hot dogs with free range Cumberland pork, chicken or vegetarian sausages, crunchy green salad Fruit salad with peaches, mango and kiwi fruit
Friday	Homemade Flapjacks with coconut	<i>Friday Club Only:</i> Couscous with falafel and a Moroccan tomato and red pepper sauce (V) Jelly

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

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