



HILL HOUSE
INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Small School Scoop



Dear Parents,

The team at Small School would like to wish you all a very happy New Year and we hope you had as enjoyable a Christmas break as the restrictions afforded.

Firstly, we would like to extend our huge gratitude to you all in fully embracing our move to online learning. We have been amazed at how well the children are already managing the technology and taking part in their lessons.

We fully appreciate that online learning poses a huge challenge for families and everybody's unique circumstances mean that, with the best will in the world, not everyone will be able to attend every session. We also understand that many of you will be concerned about the amount of screen time your children are now exposed to so we have made some changes to our provision starting from Monday to support you with this. As we embed our online learning provision we may tweak and amend timings and groupings to ensure children get the best out of the experience.

Lunchtimes

Starting on Monday the whole school will have lunch at 12.30 – 1.30pm to allow families time to eat together. The Small School teachers have tweaked some of the afternoon sessions to allow for this so please check your child's timetable for changes. Our 'All join in' sessions will now be at 12pm and our story time at 2.40pm.

Live sessions

We would like children to attend as many live sessions with their class teacher as possible to ensure they do not miss out on any new learning. We also understand your child may not be able to attend them all for different reasons. Please do get in touch with your child's teacher if you are struggling with any aspect of the live provision. Together you can agree on a balance that suits your child and personal circumstances. In the case that you are unable to join a session, the teachers will be posting the lesson plan for the session into the classwork section on Google Classroom. There is no expectation for any work to be handed in, it is just an aid for those of you who need more flexibility with the sessions.

Daily challenges

Starting on Monday, we will set two (optional) daily challenges – one linked with phonics, Maths or communication and language and the second will be a Learning and Exploring challenge. We have challenged ourselves to make these activities that the children can do without parental input using resources they will have to hand.

This week a special mention goes to our merit children: Lillie (S1), Maro (S2), Lillian (S3), Kaira (S4) and Saarubh (S5). They all received a merit in our Small School assembly for being positive and persevering with our online learning.

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

The Small School Team

What we will learn next week:

Phonics

We will learn the digraphs
sh and ch

Mathematics

We will be learning number bonds to 5

Topic

Our key text is
'You can't take an elephant on the bus!'

French

The children will be revising '*les couleurs*' and learning vocabulary for members of their family: '*papa, maman, ma soeur, mon frère*'.

Health and Hygiene

We will be learning about our brain and how we use our senses to give our brain information.

Online learning schedule:

(In addition to phonics, Maths and communication and language)

Day	Session	Class	Location
Monday	Sport French "All join in" 12pm Storytime 2.40pm	All classes S3 & S5 All classes All classes	Mrs Heald's classroom Child's own classroom Mrs Heald's classroom Mrs Heald's classroom
Tuesday	Sport "All join in" 12pm Storytime 2.40pm	All classes	Mrs Heald's classroom
Wednesday	"All join in" 12pm Storytime 2.40pm	All classes	Mrs Heald's classroom
Thursday	French Music "All join in" 12pm Storytime 2.40pm	S1, S2 & S4 All classes All classes All classes	Child's own classroom Child's own classroom Mrs Heald's classroom Mrs Heald's classroom
Friday	Show and Tell Small School Assembly	All classes All classes	Child's own classroom Mrs Heald's classroom