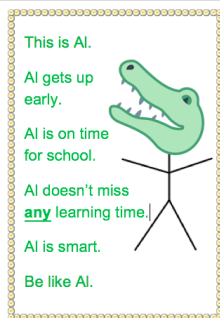


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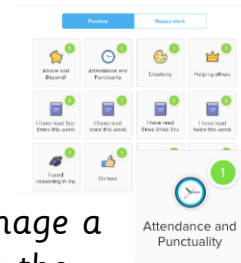
Welcome to Year 3/4, we are really looking forward to working with you all this year! Our first newsletter is simply a follow up from the parents meeting.

Attendance:

Following our Ofsted report earlier this year, this is a crucial element of our school improvement plan and we need your support with this! Please ensure your child is in school for 8:50 am. As a reward for punctuality we are awarding a special class dojo.



The children who manage a full week of being on time will then reap the reward of extra playtime on a Monday afternoon. We would also like to take this opportunity to introduce Al our attendance Alligator. He will be making special appearances in assemblies to further encourage excellent attendance and punctuality.



Early Bird Mornings:

We are really looking forward to seeing you even earlier for our English early bird mornings. On a Monday, your children are welcome to join us at 8:40am for an extra opportunity to write. On Wednesday and Friday at 8:40, we would like to invite not just the children, but also yourselves, to come and read with us. Reading is so important and this is a great opportunity to get out of the cold autumn mornings and share a book with your children.



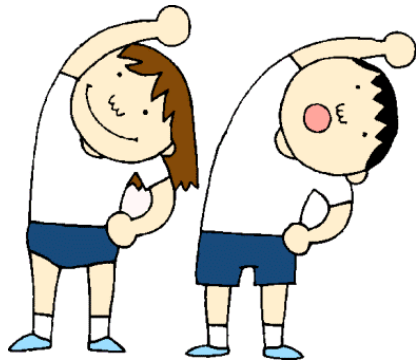
Homework:

Our main focus for homework this term is reading, spelling and times tables. Your children should all have a Fantastic Four reading journal.

This journal asks them to read independently, 4 times a week, rating their enjoyment out of /10. It does not matter what they read, as long as they are reading for pleasure. There are dojos to be won for every read they achieve /4 that week. Every child in addition to this has a colour banded reading book. This is individually focussed around their reading skills. We would still like to encourage that you read with your child as regularly as possible. Every week, children will be coming home with spellings for them to learn. These will be displayed on a handwriting grid to help them embed the letter formation and patterns of the words. We are awaiting the launch of our Mathletics account for the children - we will be in touch soon about this! In the meantime, keep practising those times tables!

PE kits:

Your children will need to keep their PE kit in school at all times. We have a set PE slot on a Wednesday afternoon but we also have an extra hall slot on a Tuesday which is available for us to use. If your child does not come to school with a PE kit, you will be contacted and asked to provide one that day. Please ensure that the wearing of jewellery, particularly earrings, is avoided on PE days. We are really lucky at Hillocks to have, Mark Dobb, who is a specialist in PE taking the sessions. It would be a shame for your child to miss out on this opportunity!



Please remember that our doors are always open, with no problem ever too big or small! As you know, Hillock's philosophy is that there isn't a problem which cannot be sorted as long as we work together.

Thank you for your continued support!

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(Year 3/4 Team)