

Dates for the diary

October

Monday 19th

Year 2 Owl visit

Thursday 22nd

Individual photos

Monday 26th - Friday 30th

Half term

November

Monday 2nd

INSET Day

Wednesday 4th

Flu Immunisation

Thursday 5th

Flu Immunisation

Thursday 11th

Remembrance event

Friday 13th

Children in Need

Important Information for our current Year 2 Parents/Carers

It is now time to apply for your child's place in Year 3 for September 2021. Although Hamstel Junior School is just next door, you must still apply through Southend Council's Admissions service. The link to the online application is [here](#). Or a paper application can be downloaded from [here](#)

School Drop off is between

8:30 – 9 am

School Pick up is between

3:00 – 3:30pm

Please keep to these times to restrict movement through the school with late arrivals.

All absences should be reported to the school office by 9am



Autumn has swept in this week, with the wet and windy weather. Hopefully, we will have plenty of bright days but please send your child to school with an outdoor coat each day now the weather is more changeable. All items of clothing should be marked with your child's name, then if anything goes adrift it can be reunited with its rightful owner.

All year groups are enjoying their time in the outdoor learning garden with Mr Bailey and their class teachers. Please could we ask that every child has a pair of named wellies which stay in school during term time, thank you.

We have sent out a survey form on ParentMail today regarding Home Learning, we really need everyone to respond to this so we have a full picture of families access to online learning. The form will be available until midnight Thursday 8th October. Please contact the school office if you have any issues accessing the form on ParentMail.

Sneak peek at our week

Year N - Nursery

This week we have been listening to the story; 'The Bus is for Us'. The Nursery children have spoken about all the different transport they have been on. In math, the children have been looking for all the buses that have been hidden around the Nursery and making tally charts to represent how many they found.

We have been using our imagination to create lots of different buses by using large boxes and other resources that are available to us.

REMINDER: Please could you ensure that your child's clothing has their name in. Thank you

Year R - Reception

This week in Reception we have been learning the story 'Duck in the truck'. We started the week by reading the story and making a story map. We have used our phonic knowledge to match the sounds to the animals. In Maths we have been looking at the number 4. We have been counting objects to 4 and learning how to recognise objects in a 5 frame. We have also been learning about Harvest and Bridget Riley art work.

REMINDER: Could you please let your teacher know if you are not receiving Tapestry observations.

Outdoor learning

Monday 5th

Heron

Tuesday 6th

Duck

Wednesday 7th

Dragonfly

Thursday 8th

Frog

Friday 9th

Newt

Home Learning

If your child is unable to attend school due to self-isolating and they are well enough to do some work then you can find home learning work and links on our school website under the 'Self-Isolation Resources' tab. Follow the links to your child's Year Group information.

ParentMail

We send home almost all our information for Parents/Carers using our ParentMail platform. Almost every family is now registered which is great news! If you need to update any of your contact details, including for ParentMail please contact the school office. If we update detail for you on ParentMail this needs to be verified by the user, you have 7 days to accept or reject the changes otherwise it will revert to the old detail, so in these cases please look out for the verification messages, thank you. If you have an Android or Apple smartphone, we recommend you download the ParentMail App for the best experience. To do this, simply search for "ParentMail" in your App store.

Weekly Attendance

Whole School attendance
97%



Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have been finding out about all the different dinosaurs and writing simple fact files with the information. We have been investigating what a carnivore and herbivore are and we carried out some different sorting activities using some of the information. In Maths we have been learning about subtraction using the methods of crossing off and using the number of lines to count back accurately. We have thought about what Harvest is and how we celebrate Harvest.

REMINDER: Year 1 classes have Outdoor Learning next week, please send your child in wearing old comfortable clothes suitable for a day in the wildlife area.

Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have been celebrating Multicultural week within our own classes. Each class chose a country and we have been finding out about that country by watching videos and looking at interesting facts. We have collected up our research findings and the children have made a fact file or a poster to share their information. We have also had a great time in the Wildlife Area this week. We created large scale maps of the school using crates, fabric, bricks and much more! We also have used natural items such as pine cones, bark, fir cones and conkers to make some beautiful natural artwork inspired by the artist Andy Goldsworthy. In Maths we have continued to look at the patterns of 2's, 10's and 5's and what happens to the numbers in the pattern.

REMINDER Swimming for Year 2 has finished for this term, classes will instead have an additional PE day. Please send your child into school wearing their Hamstel PE kit on the day they would have been swimming. As the weather has changed plain coloured joggers, a hoodie or sweatshirt can also be worn on their PE day.

Dinner menu

Monday

R - Beef & vegetable cottage pie
P - Jacket potato with a choice of toppings
Broccoli & mixed salad
Caramelised pineapple sponge

Tuesday

R - Mild jerk chicken with rice and peas
P - Pasta with a choice of toppings
Sweetcorn
Apple pie cinnamon roll

Wednesday

R - Roast chicken served with roasted potatoes & gravy
P - Jacket potato with a choice of toppings
Cauliflower & peas
Ice cream with fruit

Thursday

R - Chicken & sweetcorn meatballs in a sweet & sour sauce with noodles
P - Pasta with a choice of toppings
Green beans
Chocolate shortbread biscuit

Friday

R - Fish fingers with homemade tomato ketchup & chips
P - Jacket potato with a choice of toppings
Baked beans & garden peas
Lemon drizzle cake

Freshly baked bread is available each day.

Our caterers have confirmed that the third menu choice (Green) will be available very soon. We hope the Green option will be available from Monday 12th October.

The Spring/Summer menu will continue up to the Easter break