

Hillcrest Summer Scheme 2019

Week 1: **Summer**

1st - 5th July

This week we will be thinking about all things Summer, we will be taking a trip to the beach with our buckets and spades and making our own ice-cream! Yummy!

Mon: AM – Trip to Hollywood Beach

PM – make our group agreement for summer camp. We will also make our bucket of choice. Each child will have a favourite activity, we dip into the bucket during the summer and we do the chosen activity.

Tues: AM - Trip Funtastic

PM - Lets paint a summer picture using sand textured paint!

Wed: AM - We'll head out to the garden and have some fun with buckets and spades in the sand shed.

PM - Let's have some fun with group games in the garden – we will be getting the parachute out!

Thurs: AM – Cookery: we will be making our own ice-cream and having some for snack time!

PM – We will enjoy some storytelling in the garden and have a picnic snack outside!

Fri: AM – Bucket of Choice!

PM – We love dancing to music at Hillcrest! This afternoon we will be having our very own summer disco!

Week2: **Animal Planet**

8th - 12th July

This week is all about Animals! We will be taking a trip to Belfast zoo and completing a scavenger hunt. We will also be heading to Belvoir park.... I wonder will we find any animals there?

Mon: AM - Trip Belvoir Forest

PM - If you have a pet at home you can bring in a picture of you and your pet and tell us all about it! If you don't have a pet, why not tell us what kind of animal you'd love!

Tues: AM - Trip Belfast Zoo

PM - Bucket of Choice!

Wed: AM - Cookery: we will be making and decorating some animal shaped shortbread today!

PM - You can bring your own bear in today for a teddy bears picnic! We will also have a bear hunt obstacle course outside! Ready, Set, GO!

Thurs: AM - Some animals can live in very cold places! We will be exploring and experimenting with ice in the water tray today!

Some animals can also live in places where it is very hot! What animals should be in the sand tray?

PM - We're not frogs, but we'll be sitting on logs for some storytelling in the forest!

Fri: Nursery Closed

Week 3: **Book Week**

15th - 19th July

This week we will be looking at some of our favourite books, 'The Gruffalo', 'Elmer the Elephant', 'We're Going on a bear Hunt' and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' to name a few. We will be going on our very own hunt for a Gruffalo at Colin Glen Forest Park and later in the week we will be going to the lyric theatre to watch 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'.

Mon: Nursery Closed

Tues: AM – Trip Colin Glen (Gruffalo Hunt)

PM – You might have a little gruffalo to pick up this afternoon as we are making gruffalo masks!

Wed: AM – Cookery: Making and decorating Gruffalo chocolate cupcakes

PM – Can you make a song using the music wall outside to wake the bear in the cave? Get ready to run away!!

Thurs: AM – We will read the story ‘We’re going on a bear hunt’ before we go on our trip, we will also add sounds to each page in the book!

PM – Trip Lyric Theatre @ 11am ‘We’re going on a bear hunt’

Fri: AM – we will be designing a group picture of ‘Elmer the Elephant’

PM – Bucket of Choice!

Week 4: A Bug’s Life

22nd - 26th July

Mini beasts is this week’s theme. We will be going to find some creepy crawlies in the Hillcrest garden and making our very own bug hotel in the wood work shed. We will also be taking a trip to Botanic Gardens to see what bugs we can find there!

Mon: AM – Trip Zoo Lab

PM – Spiders can weave amazing webs – we’ll do some weaving ourselves and design some beautiful webs!

Tues: AM - Trip Botanic Gardens

PM - Bucket of Choice!

Wed: AM - We will be making a Bug Hotel in the wood work shed.

PM - Let’s play some group games out in the garden! We will also be using super worm the skipping rope to practice our skills!

Thurs: AM - **Cookery: squashed fly biscuits! YUCK!!**

PM - Butterflies are beautiful – today we will be designing and creating our very own butterflies while investigating symmetry

Fri: AM - We will be going on a bug hunt in the Hillcrest Garden, magnifying glasses at the ready!

PM - It’s time for the ‘Ugly Bug Ball’, we will design our own bug masks, have some dancing and maybe there will be a few treat as well!

Week 5: Little Picasso and Mini Matisse

29th July - 2nd August

At Hillcrest we love to get creative so this week is all about ART! We will be exploring different methods of painting including pointillism and water colour painting. We also plan to head to the Ulster Museum to see some famous pieces of Art and to Cranmore Park to get inspiration from the natural environment for our own pieces of art! Jumping Clay will also be paying us a visit.

Mon: AM - Trip Ulster Museum

PM - Bark rubbing pictures from the tress in the garden

Tues: AM - Trip Cranmore Park

PM - Drawing or painting a picture of what we saw today.

Wed: AM - Painting using pointillism – fingertips, q-tips and cocktail sticks will be used.

PM - Jumping Clay

Thurs: AM - **Cookery: we will be making mini pizzas and decorating them with our own toppings!**

PM - Watercolour painting – we will use straws to blow the paint in different directions

Fri: AM - In the garden we will collect some natural materials to make a picture.

PM - Colour mixing – we will experiment with mixing colours to see what we can make!

Week 6: Science Week

5th - 9th August

Lots of experiments will be happening this week, including making our own rockets, volcano explosions and making slime! We will be heading to Ladas Drive Park to run off some energy this week and later in the week we plan to head to W5 where we can all become scientists for the day!

Mon: AM – Trip Ladas Drive Park

PM – we will be conducting the first of our experiments – let’s make a volcano erupt!

Tues: AM - Trip W5

PM – Time for another experiment – we will create a rainbow by making water walk!

Wed: AM - Bucket of Choice!

PM - Experiment time! We’re going to make some rockets and launch them in the garden!

3,2,1 BLAST OFF!

Thurs: AM – **Cookery: White bread, can science explain how the bread grows in size?**

PM – It’s time for Junk Art! Can we create a space ship using our scrap materials?

Fri: AM – It’s going to get messy today... we’re making slime!!

PM – After a busy week of experiments it time to relax with some yoga!

Week 7: Cookery Week

12th - 16th August

At Hillcrest we love to cook so this week we will all be donning our chef’s hats and getting busy in the kitchen! We will start the week with a trip to Ark farm to find out where our milk comes from and what our milk can be turned into! We will also be heading to Titanic Harbour, maybe we will see some fish?

Mon: AM – Trip Ark Farm

PM - **Cookery: Vegetable batons and hummus dips**

Tue: AM - Trip Titanic Harbour

PM - **Cookery: Oaty Cookies**

Wed: AM - Bucket of Choice

PM - **Cookery: Banana Bread**

Thurs: AM - **Cookery:**

PM - we will take a trip over to the nursing home across the road to donate some of our delicious snacks that we have made.

Fri: AM - **Cookery: Let’s make some pancakes for breakfast!**

PM - We will create and design a recipe book including all the recipes we made this week!

Week 8: Hillcrest Olympics

19th - 23rd August

For the last week of summer camp, we thought we would introduce the very first Hillcrest Olympics! We hope to be outdoors doing lots of sports activities, running, bean bag race, egg and spoon race, skipping and football. We will also be going to ‘We Are Vertigo’ and ‘Cave Hill Adventure Playground’ to put our sporty skills to the test!

Mon: AM - Trip We Are Vertigo

PM - We will play some group games outside. ‘What’s the time Mr Wolf?’, ‘The Traffic Light Game’ and ‘Tig’.

Tues: AM - Trip Cave Hill Adventure Playground

PM - Let’s go outside and play some bat and ball games!

Wed: AM - Our resident footballer Jordan will be teaching us some football skills!

PM - We will be creating our very own dance routines to our favourite songs!

Thurs: AM - **Cookery: We will be making a fruit salad and trying some fruit smoothies!**

PM - We will be busy practising our races for sports day!

Fri: AM - **Sports Day -parents are invited to join us for sports day!**

PM - Let’s finish the summer together with a party. Music, games, face painting and lots and lots of fun!