



# Hemlington Hall Academy

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## Time flies when you're having a good time!

What a busy first half term we have had at Hemlington Hall Academy! The children have made a super start to their learning, and we are so excited for what the rest of the year will bring. Remember that our newsletter is published on the school website and our Twitter feed each fortnight with useful information and important dates.



## We Love Nursery!

Our youngest children in Nursery have also made an amazing start to their educational journey with us – including those who are eligible for the 30 hours provision. Look how much they enjoy their lunchtime!

Nursery will be holding a 'Stay and Play' session on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October – make sure you sign up on the list in the Nursery entrance.



## Under the Microscope

Across the Autumn term, children at Hemlington Hall will all have the chance to use a set of microscopes loaned from the Royal Microscopical Society in their science work. Year 5 have already been studying the metamorphosis of the Darkling beetle, and children in Years 3 and 4 have looked at the intricate detail of the spine and veins within Autumn leaves.



Remember to check out our website - <https://www.hemlingtonhallacademy.co.uk>

You can follow us on Twitter too - [@Hemlingtonhall](https://twitter.com/Hemlingtonhall)

If you would like a paper copy of our newsletter free of charge, please ask at the school office.





## Top Tips to Keep Your Children Safe Online



1. Set up parental controls to block upsetting or harmful content, in-app purchases and how long your child can spend online – remember that **you** are in charge!
2. Restrict payment methods in all games and apps – even ‘free to play’ games like Fortnite have the opportunity to make in-game purchases, which can add up very quickly!
3. Prevent your children from talking to strangers by turning off voice chat features (usually found in the ‘Settings’ menu of a game).
4. Encourage children to create a ‘strong’ password: a combination of upper/lower case letters, numbers and symbols. Remind your child that their password is not to be shared with others.
5. Show your child how to make a report if they feel another player is behaving inappropriately, for example through CEOPS. You can find out more about CEOPS at <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>
6. And most importantly, talk to your children about staying safe – have regular discussions about what is acceptable from them and from others, and what to do if they feel something isn’t right.

### Times Tables Rock Stars

Has your child logged into Times Tables Rock Stars yet? Each child has their own log-in and their very own personalised rock star, ready to wow the crowds with their amazing times tables knowledge! If your child has lost their log-in details, please speak to their class teacher.



### Tell us your thoughts – and win £10!

We always want to know what you and your children think works well in school, and what else we can do to help and support everyone.

We have a few questions about reading which we would love for you to answer. The questions can be found using the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VRNHPD9>

Each completed survey will be entered into a prize draw to win a £10 Waterstones voucher, so get clicking!

### Important Dates

Parents Consultations ..... 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> October  
 Nursery Stay and Play ..... 24<sup>th</sup> October  
 Break up for half term ..... 26<sup>th</sup> October  
 School re-opens ..... 5<sup>th</sup> November  
 Y6 Author Visit @ The Crypt ..... 7<sup>th</sup> November  
 Y5 Visit to Eden Camp ..... 8<sup>th</sup> November

**Keep an eye open for our next newsletter for Christmas dates!**

**We hope all of our children have an enjoyable half term break, and that they stay safe as the darker nights draw in – especially on the lead up to Bonfire night.**