



Hollydale Primary School: Autumn 1 2017

WELCOME BACK BIRCH CLASS! I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and are fully rested and ready for the year ahead ***being the best that you can be***. This term we will be focusing our learning around the topic of 'They Made a Difference' and we have some exciting visits planned to support this (please see the key dates section). If you can accompany us on any of these please let us know.

We will also celebrate Harvest festival, Poetry Week and Black History Month. As always, everything we do will be underpinned by our core values of ***Respect, Responsibility and Relationships***.

If you have any questions about your child's learning or any other aspect of Birch Class life, please do not hesitate to come and see me before or after school. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Regards, *Miss Bishop*

Class Teacher – Miss Bishop

Support Staff: Ms Lewis and Miss Rebbeck

Autumn 1 2017- This half term Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) will be learning about the following topics:

English	We will begin the term by reading <i>The Heart and the Bottle</i> by Oliver Jeffers. We will use this to inspire our own writing including character descriptions and short dilemma stories. We will then move onto poetry and will focus on <i>Hot Like Fire</i> by Valarie Bloom. We will finish the term by reading the biography of Olaudah Equiano. We will write our own biographies of significant people. Grammar will be embedded within these literacy sessions. Spelling will be taught in small groups. Spelling lists will be sent home on Mondays and tested the following week. We will continue to focus on the Year 3/4 spelling rules and patterns.
Reading Records	The children will bring home a book from the class book corner or the school library at least once a week. Please read and discuss the book with your child. Parents must record in the reading records every time they read at home. Please note that children are required to have their book bag with their reading record inside every day.
Maths	In Numeracy pupils will be learning more about place value and recognising the value of each digit in 4 digit numbers. They will learn to read, write, order and compare numbers within and beyond 1000. We will focus on rounding and applying our knowledge of place value to various reasoning and problem solving tasks. We will move onto learning about decimals. We will use formal written methods to solve addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. We will then focus on properties of shape and measuring angles. Please ensure that your child knows number bonds to one hundred and all times tables and related division facts (1-12) —it is vital that children know these in order to progress in numeracy.
Science	Our topic this half term is Animals including Humans. We will be learning about the nutrition humans need. We will learn about the functions of skeletons and muscles in different animals.
Computing	We will be focussing on word processing, formatting different types of documents and e-safety this term.
IPC	This term our IPC theme will be 'They Made a Difference.' We will be finding out about famous people who have made a significant difference to the lives of others. The children will learn using a variety of historical sources and create timelines.

Design & Technology	We will be studying a famous artist, Shen Zhou. We will create our own art work in his style.
P.E.	Birch will continue to have PE on a Wednesday morning. Please ensure that your child/children have the following kit for PE: Black tracksuit bottoms, a white t-shirt and black trainers or plimsolls.
Music	LKS2 will have ukulele lessons from a specialist teacher.
R.E.	This term we will be learning about the Hinduism and the environment.
Modern Languages	Spanish will be taught by our specialist teacher. The children will be focusing on asking and answering basic questions and giving some simple information about themselves in Spanish.
P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	Our focus this half term will be "Being me in my world"
Homework	A variety of cross curricular homework tasks will be assigned at the start of the half term. Each week your child will select one task to complete, to be returned by Thursday. Children should continue to learn their times tables , which will be tested on a regular basis. Children can practice using Timestable Rockstars, for which they have their own login. Additional maths homework will be assigned on the Mathletics website, for which each child also has their own username and password. Children should also learn spellings which will be sent home every week and tested the following week.
Key dates	Monday 18 th September 2017 – Meet the teacher meeting at 3:55pm Thursday 28 th September 2017 – Harvest Assembly at 09:20am Thursday 12 th October 2017 – Black History Month Assembly at 09:20am Thursday 19 th October - Educational visit to the National Portrait Gallery. <i>More details will be given closer to the time.</i>

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to come and see the LKS2 team. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

LKS2 Team

Cedar Class – Miss Fredua

Chestnut Class – Miss Macdonald

Birch Class – Miss Bishop

Support Staff: Ms Lewis, Miss Rebbeck, Ms Brown, Ms Williams