

Hollydale Primary School



Welcome back KS1 to a new academic year at Hollydale! We hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday and are fully rested and ready for the year ahead. We have a busy and exciting term planned which is underpinned by our topic of 'Time Travellers' and our **core values of Respect, Responsibility and Relationships**.

We will be celebrating Harvest festival and Black History Month this term and look forward to seeing you for both celebration assemblies. If you have any questions, please see myself (Miss Sultana, Year 2 teacher & Assistant Headteacher), Ms Thebe (also teaching Year 2) or Ms Pratt (Year 1/2). Our doors are always open and we look forward to working in partnership with you to enable us to **be the best that we can be**.

Autumn 1 2017- This half term KS1 (Y1 & Y2) will be learning about the following topics:

English	In English, the pupils will begin the term by looking at a range of narrative texts. We will start the term by looking at the narrative 'The Little Red Hen'. We will use this text to inspire our own writing including diary entries and our own narratives. We will be practising using punctuation (. ?) accurately in our writing and using conjunctions (and/because/but/or) to extend sentences. We will continue the term looking at non-fiction and poetry. Grammar will be embedded within these literacy sessions. We will continue the term by looking at poetry and writing our own sense poems linked to our Science topic. Grammar will be embedded within these literacy sessions with a particular focus on using tenses consistently and correctly
Reading Records	The children will bring home a book from the book corner twice 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. The reading books for Elm and Oak will be changed every Monday and Friday.
Phonics	Phonics will be taught every day and this will be consolidated in Literacy and weekly spellings. Spellings will be sent home every Friday and tested the following week. We will focus on the Year 1/2 spelling rules and patterns.
Maths	In Maths pupils will be learning about place value and partitioning numbers into hundreds, tens and units. They will learn to compare, order, add and subtract two and three digit numbers. Children will continue applying their mathematical knowledge to a range of problems and calculations, and will practise using all four operations. Every Friday, during lunchtime, the children have the opportunity to be tested on their times tables and receive badges based on the times tables that they can quickly recall in any order. Please encourage your child to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
Science	Our focus for Science is Seasonal Changes. The children will learn to describe different seasons, describe how the seasons are different, explain how animals are affected by the seasons, explain how humans are affected by the seasons, explain how the day length is affected by the seasons and investigate the weather during the seasons.
Computing	The children will be developing their coding skills by using an app called Scratch Junior.
IPC	This half term our topic will be based on the IPC (International Primary Curriculum) unit of Time Travelling. As part of this unit we will be learning about Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus.
Design & Technology	We will be designing and making our own 3d solar systems.
P.E.	Elm and Oak will have PE on a Tuesday afternoon with the coach. Please ensure that your child/children have the following kit for PE: Black tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a white t-shirt or top and black trainers or plimsolls.
Music	KS1 will have recorder lessons every Tuesday.
R.E.	This term we will be learning about the Muslim faith.
P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	Our focus this half term will be New Beginnings.
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

	<p>continue to learn their times tables, which will be tested on a regular basis and additional maths homework will be assigned on the Mathletics website, for which each child has their own username and password. Children should also learn spellings which will be sent home on Friday and tested the following week.</p>
<p>Key dates</p>	<p>Monday 18th September 2017 – Meet the teacher meeting at 3:40pm Thursday 28th September 2017 – Harvest Assembly at 09:20am Thursday 19th October 2017 – Black History Month Assembly at 09:20am Please note we will be going on an educational visit to Surrey Docks Farm this term. More details will be given closer to the time.</p> <p>We will continue to hold Reading Together sessions every Friday morning from 9:00—9:20am. Please do try and attend.</p>

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to come and see the KS1 team. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

KS1 Team

Elm Class- Miss Pratt, TA: Ms Linton

Oak Class – Ms Thebe/ Miss Sultana (Assistant Headteacher / Phase Leader), TA: Ms Bennett