



Welcome back to a new year at Hollydale Primary school- we hope you had a restful summer holidays and we exciting and ready to be back! This term we will be focusing our learning all around historical topic of World War 2. The children will be taken back in time through many of their exciting subjects to give them a well- rounded and engaging curriculum to kick start their new year. In UKS2 we have some exciting visits and trips planned to really ignite the children’s enthusiasm and passion for learning (please see the key dates section below for further details.)

As you know the year 6 children will be taking their SATS exams in the Summer Term. To help prepare for this the children will be having weekly Maths Fluency, spelling, grammar and timetables practise to ensure they are fully prepared and confident!

If you have any questions, please always come and see myself (Miss Upton year 6 teacher & Phase leader), Ms Bridgland (year 5/6) or Mr Relevitch (year 5). Our doors are always open and we look forward to meeting you soon!

**Autumn 1 2017- This half term KS2 (Y5 & Y6) will be learning about the following topics:**

<b>English</b>	In English, the children will be basing their learning on our half termly topic of WW2. The children will begin the term by becoming war time journalists producing Newspaper reports based on the key events of the war. We will be focusing mainly on sequencing key events, how our use of language can engage the reader whilst embedding key grammatical elements such as reported and direct speech into our writing. Following that, in time for Poetry week, the children will be learning about and writing their own war poetry using figurative devices to create imagery, preparing poems and plays to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone and volume so that the meaning is clear to an audience whilst identifying and the main themes linked to the war. Following this, we will be looking into the non-fiction writing of biographies.
<b>Reading Records</b>	The children will bring home a book from the book corner every day. Please read and discuss the book with your child. Children must record in the reading records <u>every time they read at home</u> . Please note that children are required to have their reading record in school every day. The reading books for Willow, Maple and Hazel will be changed every Friday. Rewards will be given to children for fantastic, in-depth comments.
<b>Spelling, punctuation and grammar</b>	This term, the children will be having weekly grammar sessions in order to improve their understanding of the grammatical conventions of the English language. We will be looking specifically at grammatical conventions linked to our text types whilst keeping up our basic skills. The children will also have weekly spelling sessions where we will teach them explicit spelling rules, which will then be applied in the weekly spelling homework. Spelling tests of these words will take place on Fridays
<b>Maths</b>	In Maths the children will begin the term revisiting place value, rounding and the four calculations. They will be applying their understanding into word problems with weekly problem solving lessons where the children will be able to apply their knowledge in many different ways. In addition to this, weekly ‘Maths Fluency’ sessions will ensure their arithmetic skills are being developed as well as the opportunity of Friday to practice and test their times tables up to 12.
<b>Science</b>	In Science we will be looking at properties and changes of materials. The children will be conducting experiments comparing and grouping together everyday materials on the basis of their properties; giving reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests; and explaining that some changes result in the formation of new materials.
<b>Computing</b>	The children will be developing their coding skills looking at the WW2 Enigma code and Morse code to help crack the enemy’s secret messages.
<b>IPC</b>	This term we will be learning all about World War Two helping the children to find out about aspects of the past from a range of sources, describe and identify reasons for and results of historical events, situations, and changes in the periods they have studied and are able to ask and answer relevant questions about the past. The children will ‘don’ their historical detectives’ hat and delve into the past!
<b>Design &amp; Technology</b>	This term the children will be designing and making their own Anderson Shelters, deciding which materials are best suited to survive the Blitz attacks on London.
<b>P.E.</b>	PE days for Willow class are on Thursdays and Fridays, Maple is Tuesday and Thursday and Hazel Wednesday and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child/children have the following kit for PE: <b>Black</b> tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a <b>white</b> t-shirt or top and <b>black</b> trainers or plimsolls.
<b>Music</b>	Children will take part in weekly Brass lessons on Thursday.
<b>R.E.</b>	This term our topic will be Christianity looking at ‘Who is Jesus?’
<b>P.S.H.E. &amp; Citizenship</b>	This term our focus will be on one of our core values; Relationships. We will look at the value of friendship as we begin the new term.

<b>Homework</b>	A variety of <b>cross curricular homework tasks</b> 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 <b>times tables</b> , which will be tested on a regular basis and additional maths homework will be assigned on the <b>Mathletics</b> website, for which each child has their own username and password. Children should also learn <b>spellings</b> which will be sent home on Friday and tested the following week. As an extra special year 6 treat the children will also be issued alternate grammar homework and basic skill maths to keep our brains ticking over nicely until those gruesome SATS are over!
<b>Key dates</b>	<p>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September- WW2 Theme day (£6.50 per child for theatre ticket and drama workshop)</p> <p>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – Meet the teacher meeting at 4.10pm</p> <p>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017- Maths Problem solving workshop in school (free!)</p> <p>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017- Jeans for Genes day</p> <p>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September- Maths week exhibition at 3.30pm</p> <p>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – Harvest Assembly at 09:20am</p> <p>Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> October- Assessment week in school</p> <p>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – Black History Month Assembly at 09:20am</p> <p>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> &amp; Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October- Parents Evening</p> <p>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October- WW2 ‘V Day’ Celebration (fancy dress and parent’s exhibition) at 3.30pm</p> <p>Please note we will be going on a <b>free</b> educational visit to The Imperial War Museum this term. More details will be given closer to the time.</p> <p>We are currently looking for parent reading volunteers on a Friday afternoon- if you are able to and would like to volunteer your time to come and read with our year 5 and 6 children we would love to hear from you. Please see Miss Upton (year 6 teacher and KS2 Phase Leader) on the playground or email <a href="mailto:supton10.210@lgflmail.org">supton10.210@lgflmail.org</a></p>

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to come and see the KS2 team. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

**KS2 Team**

Willow Class- Miss Upton, Mr Porter  
Maple Class – Ms Bridgeland, Ms Mustafa  
Hazel Class- Mr Relevitch, Ms Mohamed