



## Hollydale Primary School: Autumn 1 2017

Welcome to Autumn 2 and the countdown to Christmas! This half term the children will be focusing their learning on their topic 'Different Places, Similar Lives'. This will focus on developing their geographical skills, comparing the human and physical features of different places around the world. The children will also be working towards their KS2 Christmas show which will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> December.

The children will be continuing with their Maths fluency, spelling, handwriting and grammar lessons to help practice the skills they need to access this new and exciting curriculum.

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 Macdonald*

Class Teacher – Miss Macdonald  
Support Staff: Ms Brown, Ms Rebbeck & Ms Williams

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

<b>English</b>	We will begin the term by reading <i>Leon and the Place Between</i> by Angela McAllister and Grahame Baker-Smith. We will use this to inspire our own writing including setting descriptions and short fantasy stories. We will finish the term by reading <i>Fly Eagle Fly – An African Tale</i> . We will write diary entries, letters and non-chronological reports. <b>Grammar</b> will be embedded within these literacy sessions. <b>Spelling</b> lists will be sent home each week and tested the following week. We will continue to focus on the Year 3/4 spelling rules and patterns.
<b>Reading Records</b>	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. Children must record in the reading records every time they read at home. <b><u>Please note that children are required to have their reading record in school every day.</u></b> Children have <b>reading passports</b> , which are kept in school. The children are challenged to read different texts and genres.
<b>Maths</b>	In Numeracy pupils will continue to apply their learning about place value and recognising the value of each digit in 3 digit numbers. We will begin the term by consolidating what we know about division and multiplication. We will then learn about time and money. We will finish the term with data handling, producing and interpreting graphs. <b>Please ensure that your child knows number bonds to one hundred and 2,3,4, 5,6,10 times tables and related division facts (1-12)</b> —it is vital that children know these in order to progress in numeracy.
<b>Science</b>	Our topic this half term is Electricity. We will be making circuits and investigating the different components and their functions. We will learn about conductors and insulators.
<b>Computing</b>	Computing this term will be taught by a specialist teacher. We will be focussing on coding using Scratch and Hopscotch.
<b>IPC</b>	This term our IPC theme will be 'Different Places, Similar lives.' This is a geography topic in which we will study a different region on the United Kingdom (Isle of Man), as well as a location outside of Europe (Thailand). We will find out about home life, school life, language and culture. We will compare and contrast to our own differing cultures.
<b>Design &amp; Technology</b>	We will be cooking dishes using local seasonal produce.

<b>P.E.</b>	Cedar will continue to have Chance to Dance sessions until 15 <sup>th</sup> November. Our PE slot after that time is to be confirmed. Please ensure that your child/children have the following kit for PE: <b>Black</b> tracksuit bottoms, a <b>white</b> t-shirt and <b>black</b> trainers or plimsolls. P.E. will now be facilitated by <b>Shakil Miah &amp; Dan Ginnerty</b> . Our focus this term in <b>Invasion Games</b> .
<b>Music</b>	LKS2 will have ukulele lessons from a specialist teacher.
<b>R.E.</b>	This term our focus will be “Who is Jesus?” before moving onto The Christmas Story and preparing for our Christmas production.
<b>Modern Languages</b>	Spanish will be taught by our specialist teacher. The children will be focusing on words for different parts of the body.
<b>P.S.H.E. &amp; Citizenship</b>	Our focus this half term will be “Celebrating Differences”.
<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 Tuesday. Children should continue to learn their <b>times tables</b> , 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 <b>Mathletics</b> website, for which each child also has their own username and password. Children should also learn <b>spellings</b> which will be sent home every week and tested the following week.
<b>Key dates</b>	<p><b><i>Nunhead Library Trip – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Chance to Dance Assembly – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November @ 2pm in the top hall.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Christmas Lunch – 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Non Uniform Day in aid of Christmas Fayre Tombola – 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Christmas Production – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Christmas Fayre – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2017</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Christmas Jumper Day – 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Class Party – 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017</i></b></p> <p><b><i>End of Term Parties – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017</i></b></p> <p><b><i>More details will be given closer to the time.</i></b></p>

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