



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 14th 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 Bishop*

Class Teacher – Miss Bishop
Support Staff: Ms Lewis

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>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. Grammar will be embedded within these literacy sessions. 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. Children have reading passports , which are kept in school. The children are challenged to read different texts and genres.
Maths	In Numeracy pupils will continue to apply their learning about place value and recognising the value of each digit in 4 digit numbers. We will begin the term by exploring fractions, consolidating what we have learnt about division and multiplication. We will then move onto time and money and shape and measure. We will finish the term with data handling, producing and interpreting graphs. 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 Electricity. We will be making circuits and investigating the different components and their functions. We will learn about conductors and insulators.
Computing	Computing this term will be taught by a specialist teacher. We will be focussing on coding using hopscotch.
IPC	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 as well as a location outside of Europe. We will find out about home life, school life, language and culture. We will compare and contrast other cultures to our own differing cultures.

Design & Technology	We will be cooking dishes using local seasonal produce.
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. We are welcoming a new coach to the Sports team. P.E. will now be facilitated by Shakil Miah & Dan Ginnerty . Our focus this term in Invasion Games .
Music	LKS2 will have ukulele lessons from a specialist teacher.
R.E.	This term our focus will be "Who is Jesus?" before moving onto The Christmas Story and preparing for our Christmas production.
Modern Languages	Spanish will be taught by our specialist teacher. The children will be focusing on words for different parts of the body.
P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	Our focus this half term will be "Celebrating Differences"
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	<p><i>Nunhead Library Trip – 17th November 2017</i></p> <p><i>Class Assembly – Thursday 23rd November 2017 @ 9:20am</i></p> <p><i>Christmas Lunch – 13th December 2017</i></p> <p><i>Non Uniform Day in aid of Christmas Fayre Tombola – 13th December 2017</i></p> <p><i>Christmas Production – 14th December 2017</i></p> <p><i>Christmas Fayre – Saturday 16th December 2017</i></p> <p><i>Christmas Jumper Day – 18th December 2017</i></p> <p><i>Class Party – 19th December 2017</i></p> <p><i>End of Term Parties – 20th December 2017</i></p> <p><i>More details will be given closer to the time.</i></p>

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 (Year 3) – Miss Macdonald

Birch Class (Year 4) – Miss Bishop

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