

## Hollydale Primary School

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Welcome to Spring Term and Happy New Year! This half term the children will be focusing their learning on their topic 'Famous People from the Past'. This will help to develop their historical skills.

If you have any questions about your child's learning or any other aspect of life in Key Stage 1, please do not hesitate to come and see one of the team before or after school. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

#### Spring 1 2018 - This half term KS1 (Y1 & Y2) will be learning about the following topics:

<b>English</b>	We will start the term by finding out about Florence Nightingale. We will be writing newspaper reports, diary entries in role as soldiers from the Crimean War and creating a biography about Florence. We will be practising using punctuation ( ? ! , ) accurately in our writing. We will be revising the different spelling patterns for the long vowel phonemes and using conjunctions (and/because/but/or/if/when/that) to extend sentences. We will continue the term by looking at 'I want my hat back' by Jon Klassen and writing our own published narratives. Grammar will be embedded within these literacy sessions.
<b>Reading Records</b>	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.
<b>Phonics</b>	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.
<b>Maths</b>	We will be looking at place value and exploring different strategies for addition & subtraction. We will also learn about money and solve problems focusing on developing our reasoning skills. We will be practising telling the time and using different units of measurement. We will also explore the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. 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.
<b>Science</b>	Our topic this half term is Animals, including Humans. We will be grouping and classifying animals based on whether they are herbivores, carnivores or omnivores, finding out what animals as well as humans need to survive and learning about food chains and life cycles.
<b>Computing</b>	The children will be developing their coding skills further by using an app called Scratch Junior.
<b>IPC</b>	This half term our topic will be based on the IPC (International Primary Curriculum) unit of Famous People from the Past. As part of this unit we will be learning about the Crimean War, finding out how Florence Nightingale changed nursing and why we still remember her today.
<b>Art / Design &amp; Technology</b>	We will be making our own herbal remedies and lamps!
<b>P.E.</b>	Elm and Oak will continue to have PE on a Thursday morning with coach Shakil and Dan. 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>	KS1 will continue to have recorder lessons every Tuesday.
<b>R.E.</b>	This term we will be learning about Sikhism.
<b>P.S.H.E. &amp; Citizenship</b>	Our focus this half term will be 'Our Dreams and Goals'.
<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 Wednesday. Children should continue to learn their <b>times tables</b> , which will be tested on a regular basis. Children can practice

	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Key dates</b></p>	<p>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - Phonics workshop for EYFS and KS1 parents and carers at 9:00am  Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 – NSPCC Number Day  Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - Safer Internet Day 2018. Create, Connect and Share Respect. A better internet starts with you.  Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – Florence Nightingale Workshops in school for both Elm and Oak.  <b>More details will be given closer to the time.</b></p> <p>We will continue to hold <b>Reading Together</b> 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**

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