

Hollydale Primary School

Welcome to Spring 1 and the countdown to the SATS begins here! This half term the children will be focusing their learning on the historical topic 'The Mayans'. This will focus on of developing their historical skills looking carefully at the interesting culture they provide. The children will also be beginning their exciting Science topic of Earth and Space, making links between the two topics, looking closely at astrology. To enhance their learning the children will be going to London's Science museum and taking part in an exciting planetarium visit.

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

Spring 1 2018- This half term KS2 (Y5 & Y6) will be learning about the following topics:

English	For year 6 there has been a slight change in English this term as we are now focusing on the 'Success for All' scheme of work, helping the children to develop their reading comprehension skills. The children will do 3 spelling lessons each week, followed by a reading skills lesson working on how to answer exam type questions. After that the children will be working on improving the grammar by applying it into their writing. In year 5 the children will be starting this term with the traditional tale 'The Princess' Blankets' working on creating imagery and excitement for their reader.
Reading Records	Since the beginning of the year the children have been bringing home a book from the book corner every day. Each day we record who has written in and handed in their reading records. Please read and discuss the book with your child and ensure that it is returned each day. The reading books will be changed for Willow, on Fridays, Maple on Mondays and Hazel on Tuesdays. Rewards will be given to children for fantastic, in-depth comments.
Spelling, punctuation and grammar	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 Thursdays.
Maths	In Maths the children will begin the term revisiting number and place value, ensuring that they can multiply and divide by 10,100 and 1000, can find 10% of numbers. The children will then move on to the origin or number looking closely at Roman numerals and the Mayan number system. In the coming weeks, the children will revisit the 4 calculations and look at applying them into new contexts, ending with an investigation into shape and algebra and fractions, decimals and percentages.
Science	In Science we will be looking at Earth and Space. The children will be taught to describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system, analyse and explain the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth, describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies and use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the Sun across the sky. The children will be planning and conducting exciting experiments and enhance their learning with a trip to the science museum (date tbc).
Computing	The children will be having lessons with our ICT specialist, Mr Latimer, this half term working on using the Google drive to enhance learning. Children will be uploading their work to the cloud and have lessons setting up and using their new year 6 email accounts. Mr Latimer will ensure that the children know how to keep their account information safe and how to send and receive emails. This is a really exciting life skill that the children will get to develop before heading off to secondary school.
IPC	This term we will be learning all about The Mayans. During their topic lessons they will immerse themselves in the culture and history surrounding this ancient era. By the end of the unit the children will know about the characteristic features of a non-European civilization, including their ideas, beliefs and attitudes. The children will discover all about the social, cultural, religious and ethnic diversity of the Mayan people and be able to select and record information relevant to an historical topic. In their lessons the children will be learning all about the Mayan calendar and the gods that were worshipped during this time.
Art	This term the children will be creating their own Mayan headdress (sculpture) that will be displayed in our very own art gallery just before half term.
P.E.	PE days for Willow class are changing now to Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that all children have their PE kit on those days. On Tuesday this half term the children will be learning problem solving games with Miss Upton.
Music	Children will take part in weekly Brass lessons on Thursday.

R.E.	This term our topic will be Judaism and we will be learning all about the different traditions and beliefs regarding this religion.
P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	This term our focus will be all about celebrating our differences which is one of our core values; Relationships.
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 Tuesday. Children should 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. As an extra special year 6 treat the children will also be issued basic skill maths to keep our brains ticking over nicely until those gruesome SATS are over!
Key dates	<p>Week beginning 8th January: SATs booster for Y6 and Y2 commence.</p> <p>Friday 19th January: Willow Class Assembly at 9:20am</p> <p>Wednesday 24th January: Maple Class Assembly at 9:20am</p> <p>Thursday 1st February: Hazel Class Assembly at 09:20am</p> <p>Friday 2nd February: NUMBER DAY (NSPCC)</p> <p>Monday 5th February: Safer Internet Day 2018.</p> <p>Wednesday 7th February: Y6 Residential meeting for parents at 3:40pm</p> <p>Thursday 8th February: Valentines disco</p> <p>Friday 16th February 2018 LAST DAY OF TERM</p> <p>Monday 12th – Friday 16th February - Half term, School is closed</p> <p>Monday 19th February: Children return to school 8:55am</p> <p>Friday 2nd March: WORLD BOOK DAY</p> <p>Tuesday 6th March: Y5 Residential meeting for parents at 3:40pm</p> <p>Monday 12th March: SCIENCE WEEK</p> <p>Parent teacher consultation meetings to share pupil targets and progress 3:45pm – 7:00pm</p> <p>Tuesday 13th March: Parent teacher consultation meetings to share pupil targets and progress 3:45pm – 6:00pm</p> <p>Wednesday 14th March: Sing Up Day. KS1 Spring Music Concert for parents and carers at 1:45pm</p> <p>Thursday 15th March: Oak Class Assembly at 09:20am</p> <p>Thursday 22nd: Elm Class Assembly 09:20am</p> <p>KS2 Spring Music Concert for parents and carers at 1:45pm</p> <p>Friday 23rd March: SPORTS RELIEF</p> <p>Wednesday 28th March: Reception Class Assembly 09:20am</p> <p>Thursday 29th March: LAST DAY OF TERM</p> <p>EASTER HOLIDAY 30th March – 13th April, School is closed</p> <p>Tuesday 17th April 2017 – Pupils return for the Summer Term at 8:55am sharp</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 Bridgland, Ms Mustafa

Hazel Class- Ms Fredua, Ms Mohamed