

Hollydale Primary School

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Welcome to Spring 2! This half term the children will be focusing their learning on their topic 'Our World'. This will develop their geographical 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 2 2018 - This half term KS1 (Y1 & Y2) will be learning about the following topics:

English	We will start the term with the book <i>The Day the Crayons Quit</i> by Drew Daywalt, our whole-school focus text for book week. We will be writing riddles and letters in role as the crayons. We will be continue to practise using punctuation (? ! ,) accurately in our writing. We will be revising the different spelling patterns for the long vowel phonemes and developing our vocabulary to make out writing more exciting. We will continue the term by looking at <i>Stanley's Stick</i> by John Hegley and writing our own published narratives. Grammar will be embedded within these literacy sessions.
Reading Records	The children will bring home a banded book and 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.
Phonics	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.
Maths	We will be looking at capacity and mass, as well as exploring different strategies for multiplication and division. We will also learn about time and solve problems focusing on developing our reasoning skills. 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 practise their 2, 5 and 10 times tables as well as their doubles and halves to 20 and number bonds to 10.
Science	Our topic this half term is Plants. We will be finding out what plants need to survive and how plants grow. We will also practise identifying plants in the school environment using simple flow charts. We will be growing our own bean plants and observing how they develop closely. Additionally, British Science Week runs from 12-16 March. The theme this year is 'Exploration and Discovery' and children will explore this theme by building their own marble runs from junk materials.
Computing	The children will be continuing to create and save content using the iPads. We will be making iMovies linked to plants.
IPC	This half term our topic will be based on the IPC (International Primary Curriculum) unit of Our World. As part of this unit we will be learning to name and locate the world's continents, identifying hot and cold parts of the world, and exploring the geographical features of our local area.
Art / Design & Technology	We will be building our own marble runs as part of British Science Week.
P.E.	Elm and Oak will continue to have PE on a Monday and Thursday with coach Shakil and Dan. Please ensure that your child/children have the following kit for PE: Black tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a white t-shirt or top and black trainers or plimsolls. Our focus this term will be gymnastics and attack and defence in games.
Music	KS1 will continue to have music lessons every Tuesday.
R.E.	This term we will be learning about Christianity, with a focus on Easter.

P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	Our focus this half term will be 'Healthy Me'.
Homework	Children will be set Literacy, Maths and Phonics homework based on their learning throughout the week. Children should continue to learn their number bonds and number facts (doubles and halves) , 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 style="text-align: center;">Book Week – W/C 26th February World Book Day (Dress Up as a book character)– Thursday 1st March Parent Teacher Consultations Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th March Science Workshop – 6th March Science Week W/C 12th March KS1 Spring Music concert- Tuesday 13th March, 1:45pm Oak Class assembly- Thursday 15th March Elm Class assembly- Thursday 22nd March Sport Relief – Friday 23rd March 2018</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Trip to the Dulwich Wildlife Centre – Dates TBC More details will be given closer to the time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We will continue to hold Reading Together 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

Elm Class- Miss Pratt (lpratt3.210@lgflmail.org), TA: Ms Linton

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