



Hollydale Primary School: Spring 2 2017

Welcome to Spring 2! This half term the children will be focusing their learning on their topic 'Chocolate'. This will help to develop their geographical skills.

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 life in Lower Key Stage 2, please do not hesitate to come and see one of the team before or after school.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Regards, *Miss Bishop and Miss Macdonald*

Class Teachers – Miss Bishop and Miss Macdonald
Support Staff: Ms Lewis, Ms Rebbeck, Ms Brown and Ms Williams

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

English	We will start the term by reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl . The children will explore the descriptive devices in the book. They will write a range of different texts-types including letters and diary entries. During World Book Week, we will read The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt . We will write our own sequels to the story which will include letters in role. Grammar will be embedded within these literacy sessions. Spelling lists will be sent home on Fridays 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 begin the term by looking at fractions, finding fractions of amounts and finding equivalent fractions. We will then move onto looking at time, converting between units of time and timetables. We will then move onto measure and cover mass and capacity. We will also practice different methods for addition and subtraction. Please ensure that your child knows number bonds to one hundred and 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables and related division facts —it is vital that children know these in order to progress in numeracy.
Science	Our topic this half term is Plants. We will be learning about the different parts of plants and their functions. We will find out how water is transported through plants and what plants need to survive.
Computing	This half term we will be using coding to programme a robot.
IPC	This term our IPC theme will be 'Chocolate' This is a geography topic in which we will learn where cacao trees can be found and the climate and conditions required for cacao beans to grow. We will learn about the people who grow cacao beans and what fair-trade is. We will learn about the manufacturing of chocolate on a global scale.

Design & Technology	We will be designing and making our own chocolates and packaging.
P.E.	Cedar will now have PE on a Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure that your child/children have the following kit for PE: Black trousers, a white t-shirt and black trainers or plimsolls. Our themes this term will be Games and Cricket.
Music	LKS2 will have ukulele lessons from a specialist teacher.
R.E.	This term our focus will be Christianity. We will be learning about Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Lent and the Easter Story.
Modern Languages	Spanish will continue to be taught by our specialist teacher.
P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	Our focus this half term will be "Healthy Me". We will find out how to make healthy choices, exercise and diet and how to keep ourselves safe.
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 will also have maths fluency tasks and grammar tasks to complete. 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 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 12th & 13th March Science Workshop – 6th March Chocolate Workshop 7th March (Brixton Chocolate Museum will be visiting the school to provide a workshop; children will learn about the history of the chocolate industry, taste a variety of different chocolates and also make their own chocolates. This will be at a small cost of £5. More details will be sent out shortly.) Science Week W/C 12th March KS2 Spring Music Concert – 1.45pm Thursday 22nd March Sport Relief – Friday 23rd March 2018</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>More details will be given closer to the time.</i></p>