

Hollydale Primary School

Welcome to Summer 1 and the countdown is over! This half term the children will be taking their KS2 SATs examinations. The timetable for this is:

Monday 14th May: Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Tuesday 15th May: Reading

Wednesday 16th May: Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) and Maths paper 2 (Reasoning)

Thursday 17th May: Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

Friday 18th May: No Tests

Every year 6 child in the country will be following this timetable and it is imperative that your children are present on those days. Further information will follow about SATS breakfast club and access arrangements (if your child is sick etc.) and if you have any worries, questions or concerns please see myself (Miss Upton) or Ms Reid on the playground.

As we prepare for these exams the children will be revising their previous learning in Maths and English, ensuring that they feel confident and prepared to do the best they can. Please also ensure that their weekly homework is completed and handed in so it can be marked.

In addition to their Maths and English the children will be engaging in the wider curriculum. This half term they will be continuing with their topic of 'Going Global' and instead of looking at the impact we have on the wider world, we will be looking into our local area of Peckham and Nunhead. In Science, the children will be learning about 'Animals including humans' looking at our major organs and systems that work inside us. The children will also be going to the Science Museum to deepen their understanding.

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.

Lastly, we welcome Ms Thebe into Maple class who will be taking over from Ms Bridgeland and also Ms Brown who will be supporting Ms Fredua in Hazel class! As always if you have any questions, please see us on the playground every day or email us to schedule an appointment!

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

English	In year 6 the children will be continuing to revise for their SATs exams by doing reading comprehensions and grammar lessons. This is to ensure the children feel best prepared for their exams. The children will also be reading 'The day the crayons quit' and writing a newspaper report based on the action in the book.
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. They will be practising answering exam style questions and creating revision guides for themselves and others. The children will also be reflecting on their own writing and correcting their own mistakes based on their learning. It is really important in year 6 that the children can spot their own mistakes in order to be independent learners.
Maths	In Maths the children will begin the term by looking the 4 calculations, especially long division, and ensuring that they can successfully identify which calculation they have to use and when in multi-step problems. We will then be moving on to fractions, percentages and decimals, shape and geometry, area and perimeter and ending with data handling. The children will also be having daily arithmetic sessions to ensure their maths skills are where they need to be!
Science	In Science we will be looking Animals including humans. This half term the children will be examining the different stages of life and describing the changes that happen to us over time. They will also be exploring inside the body, looking at the major organs and their functions and the different systems that work inside us. We will look closely at the heart and how it works in our bodies. Lastly, the children will look at the different effects diet, exercise and in year 6 different substances such as drugs and alcohol and how they affect our bodies.
Computing	The children will be embedding their computing curriculum into their learning this half term, concentrating on using the internet to research and present their ideas in both Topic and Science lessons. The children will also be formatting some of their writing using Microsoft word and becoming used to typing as we believe this is a key skill that will prepare them well for secondary school.

IPC	This term we will be continuing our topic of 'Going Global'. This term however the children will be focusing all about their local area of Peckham and Nunhead. They will be venturing out into the wider community to find out about what is around them and creating tourist leaflets for those new to the area. In addition to that, they will also have the opportunity to improve their map skills by plotting different landmarks around them.
Art	In art this half term we will be linking it to our RE topic of Buddhism looking at the depiction of the world and the different symbols used in the religion creating paintings of these to display.
P.E.	Maple class have Swimming (P.E.) on Monday's. Please ensure that your child has their full swimming kit on that day as their lesson will take place at STAC. It is a government expectation now that every child by the end of year 6 can confidently swim 25m and we would like to ensure that your child gets this opportunity. They will need their swimming costumes, towel and swimming hat. Please label the items and bring them in a bag each week.
Music	Children will take part in weekly Brass lessons on Thursday.
R.E.	This term our topic will be Buddhism 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; Responsibility and preparing ourselves for our next transition into secondary school.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SATs booster for Y6 and Y2 commences Monday 23rd April 2018. • Reading passport winners to visit Rye Books Bookshop for Spring Term on Friday 27th April 2018. • Geography home learning project winners Prize/Trip on Monday 30th April 2018. • 10.30am. BrightSparks Schools' Concert at the Southbank Centre- Royal Festival Hall on Thursday 5th June 2018 at 10.30am.

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 Thebe, Ms Mustafa

Hazel Class- Ms Fredua, Ms Mohamed