

Hollydale Primary School: Autumn 1 2018



Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely summer break and are ready to jump into another term packed with fantastic opportunities to develop knowledge and experiences. We have already had an exciting week in Cedar class exploring our new topics in LKS2. In the coming weeks, we will welcome a photographer from the Tate gallery who will give the children an incredible opportunity to be part of a major London exhibition. We also have a trip to the Horniman Museum where the children will partake in a workshop entitled 'Around Africa' exploring themes in line with Black History Month.

We would also love for you to join our termly class assemblies and 'Meet the Teacher' evening on the 17th September. Please ensure you add the dates detailed in this newsletter to your calendar. If you have any questions about your child's learning or any other aspect of Cedar Class life, please do not hesitate to come and see me before or after school. Thank you for your support and I look forward to getting to know you all properly as term progresses.

Regards, *Miss Handley*

Class Teacher – Miss Handley
Support Staff: Miss Lewis, Mr Phipps

Autumn 1 2018- This half term Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) will be learning about the following topics:

English	We will begin the term by reading <i>Weslandia</i> by Paul Fleishman. We will use this to inspire our own writing about an imagined world which we have created. We will then read <i>Cautionary Tales</i> by Hilaire Belloc in which we will explore a range of scenarios and their consequences, eventually innovating upon a known cautionary tale. Using the <i>First Drawing</i> by Mordicai Gerstein we will write diary entries, explore the conventions of speech, create character descriptions and finish by writing our own historical narratives. Grammar will be embedded within these literacy sessions. Spelling lists will be sent home on Mondays 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 every night. Please read and discuss the book with your child. Children 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.
Maths	In Numeracy pupils will continue to apply their learning about place value and recognising the value of each digit in 3 digit numbers. We will be comparing numbers and finding 1, 10 and 100 more or less than a number. We will then move on to ordering numbers and counting in 50s to assist our knowledge of efficient written methods of addition and subtraction. Please ensure that your child knows number bonds to one hundred and all times tables and related division facts (1-12) —it is vital that children know these in order to progress in numeracy.

Science	Our topic this half term is Forces and Magnets. We will compare how things move on different surfaces; observe how magnets attract or repel each other and compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet.
Computing	Computing this term will focus on using search engines safely and effectively to research information.
History/ Geography	This term we will study the Tudors. This is a history topic in which we will be answering the questions: Who were the Tudors? When did they live? What was life like? How was it different to now? What were the key events?
Art/Design & Technology	We will be creating a picture of ourselves in the style of Tudor portraits using mixed media.
P.E.	Cedar will have PE on a Wednesday morning. Please ensure that your child/children have the following kit for PE: Black tracksuit bottoms, a white t-shirt and black trainers or plimsolls. We are welcoming a new coach to the Sports team.
Music	LKS2 will have ukulele lessons from a specialist teacher.
R.E.	Throughout the year we will be investigating the question: How are symbols and sayings important in religion? Through which we will be Investigating the relationship between religion and symbols. We start this term by discovering 'How and why do Hindus celebrate Holi?' Before exploring what celebrations can we design to mark a special time in our class or year group.
Modern Languages	Spanish will be taught by our specialist teacher.
P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	Our focus this half term will be "Being Me in My World" in which we will explore our role in our families, our school and the wider community.
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. In addition, there will be weekly literacy and numeracy tasks. 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 at the back of their reading diaries. 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><i>Meet the Teacher Meeting – 17th September 2018</i></p> <p><i>Jeans for Genes Day – 21st September 2018</i></p> <p><i>Visit from the Tate photographer – 24th September 2018</i></p> <p><i>Harvest Festival Assembly - 27th September 2018</i></p> <p><i>Macmillan cake sale and coffee morning – 28th September 2018</i></p> <p><i>Nunhead Library Trip – 21st September 2018</i></p> <p><i>Black History Month Workshop at Horniman Museum – 2nd October 2018</i></p> <p><i>School Photographs – 9th October 2018</i></p> <p><i>Parent consultation meetings - 16th & 17th October 2018</i></p> <p><i>Black History Month Assembly - Thursday 8th November</i></p> <p><i>Parent Lunch - Tuesday 12th March 2019 & Tuesday 7th May 2019</i></p>

More details will be given closer to the time.