

## Hollydale Primary School

Welcome back to the new academic year! We hope you have had a restful summer break and are ready to hit the ground running with all the exciting opportunities that this year will offer. This year as part of our UKS2 phase we have two classes; Hazel and Willow. Hazel class (year 5) welcomes back Miss Bishop and the year 6 team this year for Willow will be Miss Upton, Ms Halliwell and Mr Porter.

We begin this new term with lots of exciting topics for the children to become immersed in. For our History and geography, the children will be learning all about the ancient kingdom of Benin in West Africa, linking brilliantly to our learning during Black history month (October). To celebrate Black History month, the children will be taking part in a workshop looking closely at the **Windrush Generation**. In this workshop the children will explore more in-depth the themes of immigration, discrimination and diversity, looking at how the Windrush generation have helped to rebuild the country after WWII, and how their contributions affect us today. **This workshop will take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and is free of charge.**

We will also have our termly class assemblies, black history month assembly and harvest for you to be involved in, please see the important dates below to add these to your diaries.

As your children are now in year 6, they will be preparing all year for their end of KS2 assessments (SATS) These will take place in May next year and there will be information evenings throughout the term to keep you up to date with how you can support your child with these. To help prepare for this the children in school, they will be having weekly Maths Fluency, spelling, grammar and timetables practise to ensure they are fully prepared and confident! As well as this, they will be having weekly homework to ensure they are progressing so please support your child with this throughout the year!

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

<b>English</b>	In year 6 the children will be basing their learning on the books 'The Lost Happy Endings', 'Firebird' and 'The Arrival'. Here the children will be writing extended pieces using figurative language to describe characters and settings, learning how punctuation can provoke new meaning and changing their written styles to suit different audiences. They will be writing for different purposes, extending their understanding of fiction and non-fiction to suit the text types.
<b>Reading Records</b>	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 and Hazel on Tuesdays. Rewards will be given to children for fantastic, in-depth comments.
<b>Spelling, punctuation and grammar</b>	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 <b>Thursdays</b> .
<b>Maths</b>	In Maths the children will begin the term revisiting place value, rounding and the four calculations. They will be applying their understanding into word problems with weekly problem solving lessons where the children will be able to apply their knowledge in many different ways. In addition to this, weekly 'Maths Fluency' sessions will ensure their arithmetic skills are being developed as well as the opportunity on Thursday to practice and test their times tables up to 12.
<b>Science</b>	In Science we will be looking at electricity. We will be investigating the link between brightness of lamps and volume of buzzers with the number and voltage of cells in a circuit. We will also learn to represent a circuit using symbols.
<b>Computing</b>	Lessons with Mr Latimer will begin in Autumn 2. During Autumn 1 the children will use hardware to encourage cross curricular research of their key topics of learning.
<b>IPC</b>	This term we will be learning all about the ancient kingdom of Benin (Africa) as a link to our Black History Month project. Here the children will learn all about the ancient civilisation and the different beliefs of the culture. The children will compare and contrast these different beliefs from ancient to modern day, focusing on the creation story. To inspire this learning the children will also be taking part in a Kingdom of Benin workshop at the Horniman museum and gardens on <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October- more details to follow.</b>
<b>Art</b>	In art this half term we will be looking at the creation story of the ancient Kingdom of Benin and creating puppets to re-enact this story. The children will design figures based on the story and the settings. They will re-enact the story as part of the ICT curriculum with Mr Latimer, working on voice overs and using software to bring their learning together.

<b>P.E.</b>	PE days for Willow class are Tuesdays (dance) and Thursdays (core skills). 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.
<b>Music</b>	Children will take part in weekly Brass lessons on Thursday.
<b>R.E.</b>	This term RE will be focusing on two big questions; What do people believe about life after death, and how important are the similarities and differences between and within religions? The children will be looking closely at Christianity, Islam and Hinduism.
<b>P.S.H.E. &amp; Citizenship</b>	This term our focus will be on one of our core values; Relationships. We will look at the value of friendship as we begin the new term.
<b>Homework</b>	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 alternate grammar homework and basic skill maths to keep our brains ticking over nicely until those gruesome SATS are over!
<b>End of Term Curriculum Day</b>	To celebrate our learning and conclude our Benin topic, Upper Key Stage 2 will be holding a "curriculum day". We will be working together to look at patterns, symbols and art work from the Ancient Kingdom of Benin, then create our own Benin inspired printed fabric.
<b>Key dates</b>	<p><b>Monday 17th September 2017 – Meet the teacher meeting at 4.10pm</b>  <b>Wednesday 19th September- Secondary Transfer meeting</b>  <b>Friday 21st September- Jeans for Genes day</b>  <b>Thursday 27th September- Harvest Festival Assembly @ 9.20am.</b>  <b>Monday 1st October- Benin workshop@ Horniman Musuem and Gardens</b>  <b>Thursday 4th October- National poetry day.</b>  <b>Week beginning 8th October- ASSESSMENT WEEK</b>  <b>Tuesday 9th Octobr- School photographs</b>  <b>Tuesday 16th October- Parents evening @3.45-7.00pm</b>  <b>Wednesday 17th October- Parents evening @ 3.45- 6.00pm</b>  <b>Friday 19th October- HALF TERM</b>  <b>Monday 29th October- INSET (no children in school)</b>  <b>Tuesday 30th October- Children return to school for Autumn 2</b>  <b>Wednesday 31st October- Halloween</b>  <b>Friday 2nd November- Windrush workshop @ Sutton Trust</b>  <b>Thursday 8th November- Black History Month Assembly</b></p> <p><b>We are currently looking for parent reading volunteers on a Friday afternoon- if you are able to and would like to volunteer your time to come and read with our year 5 and 6 children we would love to hear from you. Please see Miss Upton (year 6 teacher and KS2 Phase Leader) on the playground or email <a href="mailto:supton10.210@lgflmail.org">supton10.210@lgflmail.org</a></b></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, Ms Halliwell and Mr Porter

Hazel Class- Miss Bishop