

**Hollydale Primary School**  
**Working together to be the best that we can be**



Welcome back to the second half of autumn term. We hope you have had a restful half term break. We begin this new term with lots of exciting topics for the children to become immersed in. This year as part of our KS1 phase we have two classes; Elm (Y1) and Oak (Y2). 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.

**Autumn 2 2018 - This half term KS1 (Y1 & Y2) will be learning about the following topics:**

<b>English</b>	We will be learning more about Africa. We will be writing newspaper reports, diary entries in role as tourists and creating fact files about Kenya. We will be practising using punctuation ( ? ! , ) accurately in our writing. We will be revising the different spelling patterns for the long vowel phonemes and using conjunctions (and/because/but/or/if/when/that) to extend sentences. We will continue the term by looking at 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson and writing our own narratives. Grammar will be embedded within these literacy sessions.
<b>Reading Records</b>	The children will bring home 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.
<b>Phonics</b>	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.
<b>Maths</b>	We will be looking at place value and exploring different strategies for addition & subtraction. We will also learn about money and solving real life word problems. We will be practising telling the time and using different units of measurement. We will also explore the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. 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 learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
<b>Science</b>	Our topic this half term is Materials. We will be exploring different materials and discussing their properties as well as investigating materials which are waterproof.
<b>Computing</b>	The children will be developing their animation skills further by using an app called iMotion.
<b>Topic</b>	This half term we will continue learning about Africa. We will focus on developing our map reading skills.
<b>Design &amp; Technology</b>	We will be designing and making our own mud huts linked to our science learning on Materials.
<b>P.E.</b>	Elm and Oak will continue to have PE on a Thursday with the coaches. Please ensure that your child/children have the following kit for PE: <b>Black</b> tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a <b>white</b> t-shirt or top and <b>black</b> trainers or plimsolls. Our focus this term will be ball skills.
<b>Music</b>	Elm and Oak class will be taught by a specialist music teacher every Thursday. Children in Year Two are encouraged to bring their own recorders to these sessions.
<b>R.E.</b>	This term we will be learning about the Christian faith and working on our Christmas Production.
<b>P.S.H.E. &amp; Citizenship</b>	This term our focus will be on Anti Bullying. This week runs from the 12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> November and encourages children to discuss ways we can reduce bullying and respect others around us. We will also look at cyber bullying and how we can prevent this.
<b>Modern Languages</b>	Spanish will be taught by our specialist teacher.
<b>Homework</b>	Each Friday your child will be set weekly literacy and numeracy tasks. These must be returned the following Tuesday. Children in Year 2 should learn their <b>times tables (2, 5 and 10)</b> , 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 <b>Mathletics</b> website, for which each child also has their own username and password. Children should also learn <b>spellings</b> which

	will be sent home every week and tested the following week.
<b>Key dates</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Black History Month Assembly – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>  <b>Anti-Bullying Week – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>  <b>Parent Lunch Invitations – Elm Class - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>  <b>&amp; Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 12:10pm</b>  <b>Book Fair open today from 8:30 – 9:00 and 3:30 – 4:00 – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b>  <b>Whole School Nativity at St Katherine’s Church at 2:00pm – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b>  <b>PTA Christmas Fair 3:30 – 5:30 – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b>  <b>End of term winter class parties pm and Winter Jumper Day – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b>  <b>Last day of term. School finishes at 2:00pm. No after school club – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018</b>  <b>Parent Lunch Invitations – Oak Class - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 &amp;</b>  <b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 at 12:10pm</b> </p> <p style="text-align: center;">         We will continue to hold <b>Reading Together</b> 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**

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