

Hollydale Primary School: Autumn 2 2018



Our Topic this half term is the Tudors. We will be learning about all aspects of Tudor life as well as focusing on the Spanish Armada. Pupils will complete the topic with a full day of Tudor themed festivities including a banquet with a special royal guest!

Please come and join us for a special assembly to celebrate all that we have been learning in Black History Month.

If you have any questions about your child's learning or any other aspect of Birch Class life, please do not hesitate to come and see me before or after school. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Regards, *Miss Macdonald*

Class Teacher – Miss Macdonald
Support Staff: Ms Rebbeck and Miss Gabriel

Autumn 2 2018- This half term Year 4 will be learning about the following topics:

English	We will begin the term by reading 'The Tear Thief' by Carol Anne Duff. We will use this to inspire our own writing of letters in role, poems, and posters. We will then read Cautionary Tales by Hilaire Belloc in which we will explore a range of scenarios and their consequences, eventually innovating upon a known cautionary tale. Using the First Drawing 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 focusing on adverbial clauses. 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 such as prefixes and suffixes.
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 consolidate our knowledge of efficient written methods of addition and subtraction. We will then move onto measurement of both length and perimeter. Before moving onto multiplication and division. 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 Sound. We will undertake a range of investigations to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating• Recognise that vibrations from a sound travel through a medium to the ear.• Find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that

	<p>produced it</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it. • Recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases.
Computing	Computing this half term will focus on researching online safely.
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? We will study Henry VIII, Elizabeth I and Shakespeare; and learn about the Spanish armada and life for ordinary people in Tudor times.
Art/Design & Technology	We will be designing and making our own working torches.
P.E.	Birch 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: What is special to me and the people in my community? This term our topic will be Why is the Bible special for Christians? We will focus on the following key ideas: <i>What do we know about the Bible and what makes it special? What is in the Bible? What can we learn from the story of Joseph? How do Christians use the Bible in church and in the home and elsewhere? What inspires and guides me in my life?</i>
Modern Languages	Spanish will be taught by our specialist teacher.
P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	Our focus this half term will be “Celebrating Difference” in which we will explore how people make assumptions based on others’ appearance and how this can lead to bullying. We will be devising effective strategies to problem solve the issues what we discuss.
Homework	Each Friday your child will be set literacy and numeracy tasks. These must be returned the following Tuesday. 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><i>Thursday 8th November- Black History Month Assembly at 9.30am w.c. 12th November – Anti bullying Week</i></p> <p><i>Friday 7th December – Whole School Nativity at 2pm</i></p> <p><i>Thursday 13th December – Christmas Fair 3.30-5.30pm</i></p> <p><i>Wednesday 19th December – Class Party and Winter Jumper day</i></p> <p><i>Friday 21st December – School finishes at 2pm</i></p> <p><i>Monday 24th December – Monday 7th January – School Holiday</i></p> <p><i>Parent Lunch – 27th March and 15th May 2019</i></p>

