

Hollydale Primary School

Welcome back to the second half of Autumn term and the countdown to Christmas! We hope you have had a restful half term and are ready for all the exciting, challenging and festive opportunities this term will offer!

We begin this new term with lots of exciting topics for the children to become immersed in. For our Geography topic, the children will be learning all about our fair city of London! To celebrate Black History month, as well as our amazing BHM assembly taking part on Thursday 8th November, 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 2nd November and is free of charge.**

We will also have our termly class assemblies, black history month assembly and Christmas show 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:

English	In year 6 the children will be basing their learning on the books 'Otto, The Biography of a Teddy bear' and 'Unspoken' Here the children will be writing news reports and stories based on a historical event in time. The learning here will link back to the children's learning from last year of WW2 and tie in well with the Remembrance day celebrations on the 11 th November. The children will continue developing their creative writing skills whilst beginning to edit and redraft their work for specific purposes.
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 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. 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 Thursdays .
Maths	In Maths the children will be focusing mainly on FRACTIONS! We will be going on a 4 week journey with fractions ensuring the children feel really confident with this key aspect of mathematics. The children will learn how to simplify, compare and order, add, subtract, multiply, divide and find fractions of amounts! This whole journey will be focused on giving the children clear models and images to work with so they can visualise their learning in a clear and accessible way!
Science	In Science we will be looking at evolution and inheritance. The children will be looking closely at the work of Charles Darwin and his work with adaptation. The children will look into how animals adapt to their environment, and how offspring can inherit characteristics from their parents. For this unit, we request children to bring in a photograph of them with their family members to use in their lessons.
Computing	Lessons with Mr Latimer will begin this half term. The children will be working every Friday on creating stop motion animation videos using their puppets they created last term.
IPC	This term we will be learning all about our fair city of London! The children will be discussing how the demographic of London has changed over time and discussing its changes in land use. We will also be examining how the River Thames has brought in trade and tourism to the UK and discussing its benefits.
Art	In art this half term we will be looking at how we can use art through RE and how Christians use art to celebrate Christmas.
P.E.	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.
Music	Children will take part in weekly Brass lessons on Thursday.

R.E.	This term RE will be focusing on the importance of Art in Christianity and how people from different religions express their faith through art.
P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	This term our focus will be on Anti Bullying. This week runs from the 12 th - 16 th November and encourages children to discuss ways we can reduce bullying and respect others around us. This week will also look at cyber bullying and how we can prevent this, ensuring that the friends and peers around us are happy.
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 alternate grammar homework and basic skill maths to keep our brains ticking over nicely until those gruesome SATS are over!
Key dates	<p>Monday 29th October- INSET (no children in school) Tuesday 30th October- Children return to school for Autumn 2 Wednesday 31st October- Halloween Thursday 1st November- Water Aid workshop/ year 5 debate mate competition Friday 2nd November- Windrush workshop @ Sutton Trust Thursday 8th November- Black History Month Assembly Monday 12th- Friday 16th November- Anti Bullying week Thursday 22nd November- Willow class assembly Thursday 29th November- Hazel Cass assembly Monday 3rd December- 1:30pm – 3:00 Whole School Nativity rehearsal at St Catherine’s Church Tuesday 4th December 1:30pm – 3:00 Whole School Nativity rehearsal at St Catherine’s Church Wednesday 5th December: Sayors Croft Residential Meeting for Y5 parents at 3:45 in Hazel Class Thursday 6th December: Book Fair open today from 8:30 – 9:00 and 3:30 – 4:00 Friday 7th December: Whole School Nativity 9:30 – 12pm church to be set up. 1pm classes to start arriving. Show for parents starting at 2:00pm Wednesday 12th December: Christmas Lunch Thursday 13th December: PTA Christmas Fair 3:30pm – 5:30pm Wednesday 19th December: End of term Christmas/Winter parties pm and Winter Jumper Day. Friday 21st December: Last day of term. School finishes at 2:00. No after school club.</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