

## Hollydale Primary School

Welcome back to Spring term! We hope you have had a restful Christmas and are ready for all the exciting and challenging opportunities this term will offer!

We begin this new term with lots of exciting topics for the children to become immersed in. For our History topic, we will be immersing ourselves into the fascinating Shang Dynasty, just in time for Chinese New year on February the 5<sup>th</sup>. To celebrate this, the children will be taking part in a dragon dance workshop on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> February, and this will be free of charge.

### **Spring 2019- This half term KS2 (Y5 & Y6) will be learning about the following topics:**

<b>English</b>	In year 5 the children will be basing their learning on the book, 'The Lost Thing'. They will be writing recounts and instructions based on new inventions.
<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 be focusing and revision key subjects such as multiplication and division, fractions, percentages and decimals. They will need to ensure they complete their weekly Mathletics homework which will consolidate this learning.
<b>Science</b>	In Science we will be looking at Light! The children will discover how light travels through conducting their own enquiries and experiments. They will learn that we are able to see objects which have reflected light or emitted light. As always, the children will be developing their "working scientifically" skills, through asking questions and designing tests.
<b>Computing</b>	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.
<b>Topic</b>	This term we will be learning all about The Shang Dynasty. They will be going on an exciting journey back in time to ancient China and learning about the different aspects of day to day life, looking at artefacts found in tombs, learning about the ancient gods and telling their fortunes!
<b>Art</b>	In art this half term we will focus on Shang Dynasty art work, we look at patterns and illustrations and sketch pottery from the era and then design and create our own Shang Dynasty inspired vases using modroc.
<b>P.E.</b>	PE days for Hazel class are now just on <b>Thursday</b> . 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. Our focus will be hockey and gymnastics.
<b>Music</b>	Children will take part in weekly Brass lessons on Thursday.
<b>R.E.</b>	This term RE will be focusing on challenges and personal opinions. The children will be looking at different religious stories about temptation such as Noah and the Whale.
<b>P.S.H.E. &amp; Citizenship</b>	This term our focus will be on setting targets for ourselves. The children will take part in weekly circle times where they will be able to discuss any thoughts and feelings they have about their upcoming exams or transition into secondary school.
<b>Homework</b>	The children need to complete their maths homework via Mathletics (mathletics.com) Each child has their own individual log on which has been sent home. For reading, they will complete a weekly task on First news, and times tables on Times table rock stars. With their impending exams, teachers may set individual homework based on the lesson. If your child receives this, please ensure that they complete and return the next day. All other homework is due on <b>Tuesdays</b> .
<b>Key dates</b>	<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January: INSET DAY- no children in school.</b> <b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January: Children return to school</b> <b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January: UKS2 Debate Mate begins at 3.45</b> <b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January: Enrichment clubs to begin/ YR6 Booster to begin</b> <b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January: Speech and Language Workshop Coffee morning for parents</b>

**9:15am – 10:15am**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January: Willow Class Assembly 9:20am. Parents to be invited.**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January: Road Safety workshop**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January: Hazel Class Assembly 9:20am. Parents to be invited.**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January: Maths week begins**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January: Maths workshops**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January: NSPCC Number Day**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February: Assessment week (mock exams year 6)**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February: Chinese New year**

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**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February: Chinese New Year workshops**

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, Ms Mustafa