



Hollydale Primary School: Spring 2 2019

Welcome back to school. We really hope you had a relaxing break.
The sun is shining and we have lots of exciting learning planned for this half term.

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

Spring 2 2019 - This half term Year 4 will be learning about the following topics:

English	<p>We will begin the term by reading 'Jim: A cautionary Tale' by Hilaire Belloc in which we will begin by exploring a range of scenarios and their consequences, in order to make predictions about the contents of a number of tales. We will then go on to read a number of these tales, eventually innovating upon a known cautionary tale.</p> <p>We will then read 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner in which we will explore a camera that contains mysterious photographs that the children must investigate. We will read and reflect on the book, making predictions and retelling orally and in writing. Later in the sequence, the children have the opportunity to create their own sequel to the story, called Jetsam, where they write the story of the child who next finds the camera. We will also link to a study of the history of cameras and report writing about the way cameras have changed the way history is recorded.</p>
Reading Records	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Maths	<p>In Numeracy pupils will be finding the area of shapes. Before studying fractions: finding equivalent fractions; adding and subtracting fractions; and finding fractions of quantities. We will then move onto decimals. We will learn to recognise and write decimal equivalents of any number of tenths or hundredths; find the effect of dividing a one or two digit number by 10 or 100; solve simple measure and money problems involving fractions and decimals to two decimal places and convert between different units of measure .</p> <p>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.</p>
Science	<p>For our science topic this half term we will continue to explore States of Matter. We will undertake a range of investigations to:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> observe how some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, measure or research the temperature at which materials change state in degrees Celsius (°C) identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle
Computing	Computing this half term will continue to be delivered by our specialist teacher, Mr. Latimer. We will be developing our digital skills further and continue to discuss practical ways to ensure our online safety. We will be creating digital content using online cloud tools to create slide presentations based on what we have been learning about earthquakes and volcanoes.
History/ Geography	This term our geography topic will be ' Living Together '. We will be finding out about the geographical features of the school and the local area. The children will learn to use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping, as well as the eight points of a compass and grid references.
Art & Design	We will be sketching the London landscape from Telegraph Hill and creating pictures inspired by the style, and using the techniques, of Pablo Picasso
P.E.	<p>Birch will have swimming lessons on Mondays at St Thomas the Apostle Secondary School. These lessons are a compulsory component of the PE curriculum, they are not optional. Every child needs to ensure they have their swimming kit on Mondays. PE kit for girls: A green, blue or black one piece swimming costume and towel and a swimming hat. PE kit for boys: Green, blue or black swimming trunks, towel and swimming hat. If you have any questions about swimming lessons, please speak to your child's class teacher.</p> <p>PE will also be 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.</p> <p>This term we will be doing cricket. Our focus will be to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a range of skills with increasing control Strike a ball with intent and throw it more accurately when bowling and/or fielding Intercept and stop the ball with consistency, and sometimes catch the ball Return the ball quickly and accurately
Music	LKS2 will have ukulele lessons from a specialist teacher.
R.E.	<p>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 Easter so important to Christians?</p> <p>We will be considering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is Easter and why is it celebrated? What are the symbols associated with Easter and how do they suggest new life? What is Palm Sunday? What are the events of the Last Supper and how are the symbolisms used today? What were the events in the Garden of Gethsemane? How do Christians remember and celebrate Easter today?

Modern Languages	Spanish will be taught by our specialist teacher.
P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	<p>Our focus this half term will be “Healthy Me” in which we will explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How different friendship groups are formed and the changing dynamics between different people in different groups • The facts about smoking and the effects on health • The facts about alcohol and its effects on health • To know how to resist when people put pressure on us to make decisions we do not feel are right.
Homework	<p>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.</p>
Key dates	<p>W.C. 4th March - Book Week Wednesday 6th March – Year 4 fitness assessment Thursday 7th March – World Book Day Come dressed as your favourite character and author visit by Jennifer Bell Friday 8th March - Book swap - Bring a book, take a book! Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day and Science Workshop for parents at 9:25am W.C. 18th March – Science Week Tuesday 19th March – Parent teacher consultation meetings to share pupil targets and progress 3:45pm – 7:00pm Wednesday 20th March - Parent teacher consultation meetings to share pupil targets and progress 3:45pm – 6:00pm Friday 22nd March – Space Exploration workshop and visit to Nunhead Library Monday 25th March – Easter bonnets / gardens to be brought to school Wednesday 27th March – Year 4 Parent Lunch Friday 29th March - Easter cakes fundraising sale at 3:40pm Monday 1st April - There are no Enrichment Clubs this week. Wednesday 3rd April – Spring Concert Thursday 4th April – Light Workshop (science) Friday 5th April – Maths Workshop for parents at 9:25am. Friday 5th April – Last day of term. School closes at 2:00pm. There is no After School Club. 8th -22nd April – Easter Holidays Tuesday 23rd April – Inset Day Wednesday 24th April – Summer term begins</p>