

## Hollydale Primary School

Welcome back to Spring term!

**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 Cannes Lion Award-Winning “Three Little Pigs” advert. Children will explore bias in the media and write opinion pieces. They will write their own newspaper articles and news scripts. We will be writing sequels to Goldilocks and the Three Bears during World Book Week, which begins on the 4 <sup>th</sup> March.
<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 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 on fractions, percentages and decimals. We will continue to learn new concepts and consolidate our prior learning with reasoning and problem solving. They will need to ensure they complete their weekly Mathematics homework which will consolidate this learning.
<b>Science</b>	In Science we will be continuing with our Light Topic. We will also be taking part in Science week, which is all about space! The children will also be taking part in an exciting light workshop inside an explorer dome. Here the children will get hands-on with light and colour, what light is, where it comes from, how it travels and how we see. The children will use opaque, transparent and translucent materials, mirrors, prisms and filters provide a dazzling and enlightening display of reflection, refraction and colour mixing inside the darkened Dome.
<b>Computing</b>	Lessons with Mr Latimer will begin this half term. The children will be learning to create games using coding app hopscotch. They will write code and debug their code to make sure their games run smoothly.
<b>Topic</b>	We will be continuing our topic and learning about life in The Shang Dynasty. Children 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 will be creating Chinese inspired lantern art work.
<b>P.E.</b>	This term Hazel class will have swimming lessons at St. Thomas the Apostle School on Monday afternoons Children need to ensure they have their swimming kit: Black or Blue swimming costume/ swimming shorts, goggles and swimming hat and a towel. Hazel will continue to have PE 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 gymnastics.
<b>Music</b>	Children will take part in weekly Brass lessons on Thursday. Remember to take home your instrument to practice and return it to school by Thursday every week.
<b>R.E.</b>	This term RE will be focusing on the question: How do Christians try to follow Jesus’ example? We will explore stories from the bible and what they mean for people of the

	Christian faith. We will also learn about Easter traditions around the world.
<b>P.S.H.E. &amp; Citizenship</b>	This term our focus will be exploring ways in which we can stay healthy. We will learn about diet, exercise and lifestyle choices that allow us to live healthy, happy lives.
<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. All other homework is due on <b>Tuesdays</b> .
<b>Key dates</b>	<p>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day (Dress Up as your favourite character)</p> <p>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Jennifer Bell Author Visit</p> <p>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Book Swap (Bring a book, take a new book)</p> <p>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Sayers Croft Parents Information Evening @ 3:45</p> <p>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day</p> <p>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Science Workshop for parents at 9:25am</p> <p>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Parent teacher consultation meetings to share pupil targets and progress 3:45pm – 7:00pm</p> <p>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Parent teacher consultation meetings to share pupil targets and progress 3:45pm – 6:00pm</p> <p>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – KS2 Spring Music Concert 1:45pm</p> <p>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week</p> <p>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Space Workshop</p> <p>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Easter bonnets / gardens to be brought to school</p> <p>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Nunhead Library Visit</p> <p>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Light Dome Workshop</p> <p>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Easter cakes fundraising sale at 3:40pm</p> <p>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April - There are no Enrichment Clubs this week.</p> <p>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Maths Workshop for parents at 9:25am.</p> <p>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of term. School closes at 2:00pm. There is no After School Club. 8<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Easter Holidays</p> <p>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Inset Day</p> <p>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Summer term begins</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, Ms Mustafa