



Hollydale Primary School: Autumn 1 2021

Welcome back to the new academic year! We hope you have had a restful summer break and are ready to enjoy all the exciting opportunities that this year will offer. We begin this new term with lots of exciting topics for the children to become immersed in. Our Topic this half term is Black History. We will be focusing on Dr Harold Moody.

Please ensure you add the dates detailed in this newsletter to your calendar. If you have any questions about your child's learning or any other aspect of Birch Class life, please do not hesitate to see me before or after school or contact me via email (nthebe1.210@lgflmail.org) or ClassDojo <https://teach.classdojo.com/>.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Regards, Ms. Opaleye

Class Teacher: Ms. Opaleye

Additional Support Staff: Mr Gomez

Autumn 1 2021- This half term Year 4 will be learning about the following topics:

English	<p>This is a four-week planning sequence using The Iron Man written by Ted Hughes and illustrated by Laura Carlin in which children will explore the devices of mystery and suspense. We will write a range of different texts-types including letters, a news article and a poem with the extended written outcome being a published narrative.</p> <p>We will then read Varmints written by Helen Ward and Marc Craste. The will children explore the settings and themes, writing a retelling of the story from the main character's point of view and sharing their thoughts and opinions about the story. The same text is then used to draw out the process and life-cycle of growing plants. Children use this as a starting point to create a life-cycle flow diagram, charting the changes that take place as a plant grows and what is needed to nurture it in order to give guidance to the next generation of 'varmint' how to look after plants. Children then use this, alongside their explored knowledge of explanation texts, to write their own explanation of the life-cycle of plants to be published as a leaflet. Spelling lists will be sent home on Fridays and tested the following week. We will continue to focus on the Year 3/4 spelling rules and patterns such as prefixes and suffixes. Please ensure you are supporting and practicing with your child/children.</p>
Reading Records	<p>The children will bring home a book from the class book corner or the school library every Friday. Please read and discuss the book with your child and support them with recording a comment about their reading on Google Classroom.</p>
Maths	<p>In Numeracy pupils will continue to apply their learning about place value and recognising the value of each digit in 4-digit numbers. We will be ordering and comparing numbers, rounding them to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000 and knowing the number 1000 more/less than a given number, before introducing negative numbers. We will then move on to consolidating our knowledge of efficient written methods of addition and subtraction.</p> <p>Please ensure that your child knows number bonds to one hundred and all times tables and related division facts (x2, x3, x4, x5, x6, x7, x8, x9, x10, x11 and x12) —it is vital that children know these in order to progress in numeracy. Times Tables – This year the children will sit the times tables test in the summer term. Please ensure that you are supporting and practicing all times tables with your child/children.</p>
Science	<p>Our topic this half term is Animals (including humans). In science the children will learn about the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions; the basic parts of the digestive system in humans and the variety of food chains.</p>
History/ Geography	<p>This term we will be learning about Dr Harold Moody. A Jamaican-born British Doctor who campaigned for racial equality. He was founder of the U.K.'s first civil rights movement, which he founded in 1931. His work for the organisation involved publishing a newsletter, The Keys, and lobbying trade unions, the Civil Service and Parliament for the improvement of race relations.</p>
Art/Design & Technology	<p>This term we will be creating our London's famous blue plaques for Dr Harold Moody. We will be creating them out of salt dough and creating impressions with a range of tools to create texture.</p>
P.E.	<p>Birch will have PE on a Monday afternoon. Your child/children will need to wear their PE kit and school jumper to school on this day Please ensure your child/children are wearing the following</p>

	kit for PE: Black tracksuit bottoms, a white t-shirt and black trainers or plimsolls.
Music	LKS2 will have weekly ukulele lessons delivered by Mr Thorpe our peripatetic teacher.
Computing	Our topic this half term is We are software developers . In this unit, pupils create their own animation in Scratch. In: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session 1 they analyse existing games and identify what makes them effective • Session 2 they create a working prototype of their game • Session 3 they develop the functionality of their game • Session 4 they improve the interface of their game • Session 5 they develop progression within their game • Session 6 they test and improve their game.
Spanish	Spanish will be taught weekly.
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 Religion in our Neighbourhood, focusing on what religions and world views are represented in our neighbourhood?
P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	Our focus this half term will be “Being Me in My World” in which we will explore our role in our families, our school and the wider community. We will also be focusing on our mental health and emotional wellbeing this term too.
Homework	Each Friday your child will be assigned 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 TTRS, 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. The logins for TTRS, First News and Mathletics can be found in their reading records.
Key dates	Tuesday 14th September - Meet the Teacher Friday 17th September - Jeans for Genes Day. All pupils wear jeans and donate £1. Monday 20th September 2021 – Enrichment clubs to commence this week. Thursday 23rd September - Harvest Festival Assembly Friday 24th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning 9:00am – Fundraising Cake Sale & Green Day. All children to wear green and bring a £1.00 donation. Friday 1st October –Black History Month begins Monday 4th October – Poetry Week begins Thursday 7th October - National Poetry Day Tuesday 12th October- Parent consultation meetings to share pupil targets and progress. Thursday 14th October – Multiplication tables challenge Thursday 21st October – Walk Challenge Educational Visit - TBC Monday 25th – Friday 29th October 2021 - Half term
Additional Information	Please ensure that your child attends school with a fresh water bottle every day and is wearing the correct summer uniform. Our uniform encourages a sense of belonging and is compulsory for all children from Reception Class to Year 6.