



Hollydale Primary School

Working together to be the best that we can be Year 3 – Cedar Class

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely summer break and are ready to jump into another term packed with fantastic opportunities to develop your knowledge, skills and experiences.

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 Cedar Class life, please do not hesitate to see us before or after school or contact us via email or ClassDojo <https://teach.classdojo.com/>.

Oak Class Teachers:

Ms Macdonald - vmacdonald2.210@lgflmail.org Monday, Tuesday and Friday (P.M.)

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Regards, *Ms Macdonald and Ms Sultana*

Autumn 1 2021- This half term in Year 3 we will be learning about the following topics:

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| English | <p>We will start the term using the text <i>The Heart and the Bottle</i> by Oliver Jeffers, with explicit spelling (through vocabulary acquisition) and grammar objectives embedded within the sequence. The children will begin by 'discovering' the setting from the text of the empty armchair and posing questions to make predictions about the text. We will then explore the text further, writing character descriptions using a range of descriptive vocabulary. Having explored the sequence of the story for 'The Heart and the Bottle', we will then create our own stories where a dilemma occurs and there is an emotional response, e.g. getting lost, being bullied, running away etc. (with links to PSHE), initially sequencing them and later writing them and publishing them for an audience.</p> <p>We will then move onto reading 'Leon and the Place Between' by Angela McAllister.</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 prior learning about place value in order to recognise the value of each digit in 3-digit numbers. We will be comparing numbers and finding 1, 10 and 100 more or less than a number before moving onto ordering numbers and counting in 50s to assist our knowledge of efficient written methods of addition and subtraction. Please ensure that your child knows number bonds to one hundred and all times tables and related division facts (x2, x3, x4, x5, x8 and x10) —it is vital that children know these in order to progress in numeracy.</p> |
| Science | <p>Our topic this half term is Forces and Magnets. We will compare how things move on different surfaces; observe how magnets attract or repel each other and compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet. Our focus enquiry type will be setting up a comparison or fair test.</p> |
| Computing | <p>Our topic this half term is We are programmers. In this unit, pupils create their own animation in Scratch. In:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Session 1 they are introduced to Scratch, and explore its tools● Session 2 they determine key features of a good animation by looking at examples, and create a |

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| | <p>storyboard for their own</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Session 3 they plan and program character/s and dialogue for their animation ● Session 4 they begin to animate their character/s by planning and programming movement ● Session 5 they plan and program switching costumes and backdrops for their animation ● Session 6 they add sound to their animation before reviewing, debugging and improving it. |
| History/ Geography | This term our topic will be Black Inventors. To celebrate Black History Month we will be focusing on understanding how key black individuals have helped shape the world that we live in and how they have impacted our day to day lives. |
| Art/Design & Technology | Out Art and DT this term will be linked to the black inventors that we will be learning about. Th children will be making 3d models using a range of different materials. |
| P.E. | Cedar will have PE on a Monday afternoon. Children must wear their PE kit with their school jumper to school on this day. Please ensure that your child/children have the following kit for PE: Black tracksuit bottoms, a white t-shirt and black trainers or plimsolls. |
| Music | Cedar class will have ukulele lessons with a specialist teacher (Mr Thorpe) on Monday afternoon. |
| R.E. | Throughout the year we will be investigating the question: How are symbols and sayings important in religion? Through which we will be investigating the relationship between religion and symbols. We start this term by discovering 'How and why do Hindus celebrate Holi?' Before exploring what celebrations can we design to mark a special time in our class or year group? |
| Modern Foreign Languages | Spanish will be taught weekly. |
| P.S.H.E. & RSE | 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, well-being and our mental health. |
| Homework | <p>There will be weekly literacy and numeracy tasks set on Google Classroom that the children will be expected to complete. They should continue to learn their times tables, which will be tested on a regular basis and they should continue to practice these using Times Table Rock Stars, for which they have their own logins. Additional maths homework will be assigned on the Mathletics website, for which each child also has their own username and password. Children also need to practice and learn the spellings that they are set.</p> <p>All home work will be set on a Friday and will be expected to be completed and submitted by the following Tuesday.</p> |
| Key dates | <p>Tuesday 14th September - Meet the Teacher</p> <p>Friday 17th September - Jeans for Genes Day. All pupils wear jeans and donate £1.</p> <p>Thursday 23rd September - Harvest Festival Assembly</p> <p>Friday 24th September – Macmillan Cake Sale</p> <p>Monday 27th September – Year 3 Visit to Nunhead Cemetery to study plants and wildlife.</p> <p>Friday 1st October –Black History Month begins</p> <p>Monday 4th October – Poetry Week begins</p> <p>Thursday 7th October - National Poetry Day</p> <p>Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th October- Parent consultation meetings to share pupil targets and progress.</p> <p>Thursday 14th October – Multiplication tables challenge</p> <p>Thursday 21st October – Walk Challenge</p> |

Monday 25th – Friday 29th October 2021 - Half term

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.

