

Hollydale Primary School

Working together to be the best that we can be

Year 2 – Oak Class

Welcome back to you all and an especially warm welcome to all of the new members of our Hollydale family. The first couple of days back have gone very smoothly for all, so we would like to thank you for your on-going co-operation and support at this time.

Communication between our community and school continues to be so very important to us; however, we are aware that with our procedures, this can make conversations with us that little bit harder. We are still here for you all! All of our contact details are below so you can email us.

Autumn 1 2021 - This half term Year 2 will be learning about the following topics:

<p>English</p>	<p>We will start the term reading three different versions of Goldilocks for three different, but connected writing outcomes. The children will initially familiarise themselves with the traditional version of the tale, using Lauren Child’s version and identify the elements of a traditional tale whilst identifying adjectives to describe the character of Goldilocks that they then use to create a ‘Wanted’ poster that will be displayed around school. In the next part the children will explore the text <i>Me and You</i> by Anthony Browne where pictures are used to provide a context for why Goldilocks appears at the three bears’ house. This is a more sympathetic view and the children are asked as an outcome to tell the story from her perspective. In the final part, the children will write a sequel to the original story, where Goldilocks and the bears meet many years later and they role play and imagine conversations and then look at a published sequel called <i>Goldilocks and Just the One Bear</i> by Leigh Hodgkinson.</p> <p>We will then move onto reading <i>Jim and the Beanstalk</i> by Raymond Briggs. The children will discover a beanstalk and footprint in the classroom and use this to engage with and learn the story and retell it to one another. They will then use their knowledge of the sequel to initially innovate and then create their own sequel. Grammar will be embedded within these literacy sessions.</p>
<p>Reading Records</p>	<p>The children will bring home a banded book once a week. They will also bring home a free-choice book from the book corner. Please read and discuss the book with your child. Parents 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. The reading books for Oak will be changed every Monday and Friday.</p>
<p>Phonics</p>	<p>Phonics will be taught every day and this will be consolidated in Literacy and weekly spellings. Spellings will be sent home every Friday and tested the following week. We will focus on the Year 2 spelling rules and patterns.</p>
<p>Maths</p>	<p>This term, children will be working on developing their understanding of Number and Place Value. They will be learning to represent numbers using different manipulatives, counting forwards and backwards in different intervals and using the number line to solve problems. In addition to this, weekly ‘Maths Fluency’ sessions will ensure their arithmetic skills are being developed to aid rapid recall of number facts. Throughout Year 2 we will practice and test their times tables (2, 5 and 10) using Times Table Rock Stars. Please support your child with this at home as they have been given their individual login details.</p>
<p>Science</p>	<p>This term, our topic will be Animals including Humans. The children will be identifying and naming a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores, learning that animals, including humans, have offspring that grow into adults (life cycles), explaining the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air), describing the importance for humans to eat the right amounts of different types of food, discussing the importance of exercise for humans and learning about the importance of hygiene.</p>
<p>Computing</p>	<p>In computing this term, we are astronauts. In this unit we will learn how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● plan a sequence of instructions to move sprites in ScratchJr ● create, test and debug programs for sprites in ScratchJr ● work with input and output in ScratchJr ● use repetition in their programs ● design costumes for sprites.

Topic	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.
R.E.	Our R.E. focus this term will be Where did the world come from and how should we look after it? In this unit we will be thinking about... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the meaning of creation? • What stories do Muslims, Jews and Christians tell about how the world began? (Adam and Eve) • What stories do Hindus tell about how the world began?
Art / Design & Technology	Influenced by black inventor George Crum, we will design our own crisp packaging and learn about the process of making potato chips before making our own!
P.E.	Oak will have PE on a Friday afternoon with the PE coach. Please ensure that your child/children wear the following kit for PE: Black tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a white t-shirt or top and black trainers or plimsolls. Our focus this term will be ball skills. All children are expected to come to school dressed in their PE kit (and school jumper or cardigan) every Friday for this half term. There will not be a changing facility in operation.
Music	Oak Class will be taught by a specialist music teacher every Friday afternoon. Children in Year 2 are strongly encouraged to bring their own recorders to these sessions especially under these current circumstances.
P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	Our focus this half term will be 'Being Me in My World'. We will be learning about our rights and responsibilities within the classroom, focussing on how to maintain a safe and calm learning environment. We will also be focusing on settling back into school and having regular discussions about how to maintain our mental health and well-being.
Homework	Each Friday your child will be set weekly literacy and maths tasks for homework based on their learning throughout the week. Homework must be returned by the following Tuesday at the latest. Children in Year 2 should learn their times tables (2, 5 and 10) , which will be tested on a weekly basis. Children can practice using Times Table Rock Stars, 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.
Class Dojo	Since we are not able to have face-to-face meetings at this time, it is really important that you are linked to Class Dojo. We will update the Class Story with any important information you need to know and contact you via message if there is anything we need to share with you. https://teach.classdojo.com/
Class Page	We will soon be updating our class page on the school website. Watch this space!
Meet the Teacher	Meet the Teacher will take place on 14.09.20 at 3:40pm. Arrangements for this meeting are to be confirmed.
Key dates	<p>13th September 2021 - Eco Committee; School Council; Head Boy and Head Girl elections to be held in classes this week Y2-6</p> <p>13th September 2021 – Roald Dahl Day</p> <p>14th September 2021 - Meet the teacher meetings for KS1 at 3.40pm. Arrangements for this meeting are to be confirmed.</p> <p>17th September 2021 - Jeans for Genes day. All children to wear jeans and donate £1.00</p> <p>20th September 2021 – Enrichment clubs to commence this week.</p> <p>23rd September 2021 - Harvest Festival assembly will be held for pupils only</p> <p>24th September 2021 - Macmillan Cancer Research Fundraising. Macmillan Coffee Morning at 9:00am. All children to wear green for a £1.00 donation.</p> <p>24th September 2021 - Y2 Parents reading together session from 9:00 – 9:20am. Arrangements for this session are to be confirmed.</p> <p>1st October 2021 – Black History Month begins</p> <p>7th October 2021 – National Poetry Day</p> <p>8th October 2021 - Y2 Parents reading together session from 9:00 - 9:20am. Arrangements for this session are to be confirmed.</p> <p>12th & 13th October 2021 - Parent teacher consultation meetings to share pupil targets and progress. More information will be shared closer to the time.</p>

14th October 2021 – Multiplication Tables Challenge

15th October 2021 - Y2 Parents reading together session from 9:00 - 9:20am.

Arrangements for this session are to be confirmed.

21st October 2021 – Walk Challenge

22nd October 2021 - Y2 Parents reading together session from 9:00 - 9:20am.

Arrangements for this session are to be confirmed.

Year 2 Team

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