


Hollydale Primary School

Welcome back to the Summer Term and Willow Class' final term at Hollydale! If you have any questions throughout this half term please do not hesitate to email me (cmcgowan15.210@lgflmail.org) or ring the office and we can arrange a time to discuss any questions or concerns you may have. Alternatively, I can be contacted directly via Class Dojo.

Thank you for your continued support, Ms McGowan, Year 6 Willow class teacher

Summer 2 2022 - This half term Year 6 will be learning about the following topics:

English	This half term, we will base our English learning on Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare (retold, in an abridged version, by Helen Street). We will be incorporating lots of opportunities for speaking and listening and drama throughout the half term. We will also be producing a variety of text types including diary entries, extended narratives and playscripts.
Reading Records	Reading every day is vitally important for year 6 children. Children need to record their reading in their new online Reading Records and this will continue to be monitored. Please remind your child to do this and check their reading records. Reading books can be changed every Friday and there are plenty of choices in the class and in the library to choose from.
Spelling, punctuation and grammar	This term, we will continue to have weekly grammar sessions in order to improve the children's 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. Please encourage your child to learn their spellings and support them with this where possible, for example through creating mnemonics together. Spelling tests of these words will take place on Fridays .
Maths	In Maths we will continue to consolidate the Key Stage 2 curriculum. We will begin by revising Statistics, designing surveys and constructing our own pie charts to share our results. We will then link our maths to our topic of World War Two, focussing specifically on code-breaking and rationing.
Science	Our Science topic for the Summer Term is Living things and their habitats. We will be learning about the lives of significant scientist Carl Linnaeus and explaining his contribution to classification systems. We will explore how living things can be grouped according to similarities and differences and use classification schemes to sort living things according to observable characteristics.
Topic	Our topic for the Summer Term will be World War Two. We will be focussing on life in Britain during World War Two, as well as its causes internationally. We will then complete a local geography study, learning about how World War Two affected London.
Computing	Our topic this half term is 'We are publishers.' We will be creating a Leavers' Yearbook. Pupils will learn to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● manage or contribute to large collaborative projects, facilitated using online tools● write and review content● source digital media while demonstrating safe, respectful and responsible use● design and produce a high-quality print document.
DT	Our DT learning this half term will be Electrical Systems: creating a steady hand game. We will understand what is meant by fit for purpose design before designing and developing a steady hand game using a series circuit, including housing and backboard.
P.E.	PE day for Willow class is Thursday and lessons are taught by Coach Connor. 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 and that they attend school wearing their PE kit (and their Hollydale jumper) every Thursday . The focus for this half term is Athletics.
Music	Children will take part in weekly Brass lessons – taught by Mr Mayhew and Mr Entwistle - on Thursdays .
R.E.	This term in RE our question is 'What similarities and differences to religions and world views share?' We will study a range of different religions and world views and compare them.
P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	This term our focus will be on setting targets for ourselves. The children will take part in weekly circle times where they will be able to discuss any thoughts and feelings they have about their upcoming exams or transition into secondary school.
Homework	Homework will continue to be assigned via Google Classroom on a Friday and should be returned by Tuesday of the following week. Children should also learn spellings which will be sent home on Friday and tested the following week. Additional grammar and maths activities will also be sent home. Children should continue to learn their times tables, which will be tested on a regular basis, and additional maths homework

	will be assigned on the Sumdog, for which each child has their own username and password. Children can also use Times Tables Rock Stars, for which they should already have a login.
Oliver!	Our production this year will be Oliver! The performance will take place on Monday 18th July 2022 . The children all have copies of the script, which is also on Google Classroom. Roles have been assigned during the first week. We look forward to welcoming you to watch our show!
Pupil birthdays	Pupils can wear their own clothes on their birthday/own PE kit if it's a PE day .
Additional information	<p>Please ensure that your child attends school with a fresh water bottle every day and is wearing the correct school uniform. Our uniform encourages a sense of belonging and is compulsory for all children from Reception Class to Year 6.</p> <p>Summer uniform can be worn from Summer 1. Please see below.</p> <p>Girls Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Dresses - Red & White or Green & White Gingham • Cardigan/ Sweatshirt/V neck sweater - Dark green • Footwear - Black Shoes • Hijabs – White/Dark Green/Black only <p>Boys Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polo shirt – Dark green, bright red or white • Cardigan/ Sweatshirt/V neck sweater - Dark green • Trousers/ shorts (knee length) – Grey • Footwear - Black shoes  <p>There will be a second-hand uniform sale every Wednesday after school.</p>
Food banks	There is a Monday food bank for some families, selected children will receive a bag of food. There is a food bank every Friday after school for all families.
Key dates	<p>Monday 6th June 2022 – Children return to school</p> <p>Friday 10th June 2022 – Curriculum newsletters sent home</p> <p>Thursday 16th June 2022 – KS2 Maths Parents/Carers workshop</p> <p>Monday 20th June 2022 – Assessment Week</p> <p>Tuesday 28th June 2022 – Year 4/5/6 Maths Nrich webinar</p> <p>Wednesday 6th July 2022 – Sports Day! Parents and carers are invited to attend.</p> <p>Thursday 14th July 2022 – Pupils' reports to be sent home</p> <p>Friday 15th July 2022 – Times tables challenge</p> <p>Monday 18th July 2022 – Year 6 production</p> <p>Tuesday 19th July 2022 – Exercise books to be sent home</p> <p>Tuesday 19th July 2022 – Transition Day</p> <p>Wednesday 20th July 2022 – Year 6 Graduation</p> <p>Thursday 21st July 2022 – LAST DAY OF TERM. Mufti day pupils to bring £1 to school. School ends at 2pm.</p> <p>Summer Music Concert – Date to be confirmed</p>
Parent Calendar	Please also refer to the Parent Calendar (attached) for additional dates, including Parent Workshops.

Term will finish at **2pm** on **Thursday 21st July 2022**. We wish you all the best for the future!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Willow Class Team:

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