

Hollydale Primary School

Year 1 – Oak Class

Welcome to Spring Two!



Welcome back to the final half of the spring term. We hope that you have had a restful half term break! This term the children will be engaging in a range of exciting learning activities and opportunities, such as those of which are centred around World Book Day, and our class trips. If you have any further questions, please contact us as we are more than happy to discuss your queries with you.

Regards,

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Spring 2 2023 - This half term Year 1 will be learning about the following topics:

English	<p>This term we will be exploring a new text called 'Stanley's Stick' by John Hefley and Neal Layton, through which children will be learning to write their own version of the narrative and as well as character descriptions. We will be enjoying the book 'Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish' by Michael Foreman, where we will write letters, setting descriptions and posters. We will continue embed our grammar focus, focused specifically on use of punctuation, leaving spaces between words and joining words using conjunctions. We will continue with our Daily Guided Reading, which is designed to ensure all children become fluent readers who are independently motivated. This involves daily reading in small groups that are led by a trained adult to move children on in their reading. The children will continue to bring home, their learning to read book on a Thursday to be returned on the following Monday.</p>
Phonics	<p>Phonics will be taught daily and consolidated in Literacy lessons. We will begin each session by recapping the Phase 3 and Phase 5 sounds we know and continuing to learn our Phase 5 sounds. We will be learning a new range of graphemes and phonemes, as well as ones that we have encountered before. Children will be introduced to alternative pronunciations for graphemes such as 'ea' in 'pea' and 'break'. There are a range of ways that you can reinforce phonics learning at home, including asking them about the sounds they have been learning and practising these with them, reading regularly with your child and listening to your child read daily, encouraging your child to use their phonic knowledge to sound out unfamiliar words. If you require any further support with this, please do not hesitate to contact me via Class Dojo.</p>
Maths	<p>In Maths, children will continue their focus on place value within 50, building on previous learning on place value within 20. We will be making links between numbers below 10 so that children are constantly using their prior learning to help them. We will continue to practise counting on and back from 100, counting on and back in 2s, 5s and tens, using number lines to put numbers in the correct order and recognising odd and even numbers. There are a range of ways in which you can support your child to build their mathematic fluency. For instance, you could try:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using objects for counting – such as marbles, buttons, sweets, etc.• Learn out loud – sing songs to help children remember certain maths concepts• Allow children to make up their own maths problems using everyday household items – e.g. have a maths scavenger hunt in your home• Looking for numbers when you go out or at home – e.g. how many yellow cars, how many road signs, etc.• Sort things out – if you have a box of beads, encourage your child to think about the different ways that they can sort these items• Play games that involve counting and reading numbers• Get cooking – children love weighing out ingredients and checking timers
Science	<p>This half term, we will continue focusing on 'Everyday Materials' as our science topic. Children will be working on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• distinguishing between an object and the material from which it is made• identifying and naming a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock• describing the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials• comparing and grouping together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties.• planning and carrying out investigations into different materials.
Computing	<p>Our Computing topic this half term is 'We are publishers'. In this unit, children use Book Creator to create a multimedia eBook and we will link this with our PSHE topic of 'Healthy Me'. We will create books to present how we keep healthy. This will involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Session 1 – They plan their eBook, thinking carefully about the intended audience

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session 2 – They select and import images for their eBook • Session 3 – They add audio commentary to their eBook • Session 4 – They add written text to their eBook • Session 5 – They add images from the Internet to their eBook • Session 6 – They review and revise their work
Topic	This term we will begin our new topic, ' Our Country '. In this unit we will explore the UL by looking at individual countries, capital cities, human and physical features, along with comparing and contrasting the capital cities of London and Brasilia in detail. We will also be taking a local walk to look at the features of our city.
R.E.	Our R.E. focus this term will be Christianity – What does it mean to belong to Christianity? We will be considering the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain how Christians show that they belong to Christianity. • Describe a Christian baptism ceremony. • Give some examples of how and why Easter is celebrated.
PSHE	Our focus this half term will be ' Healthy Me '. We will be thinking about why our body is amazing and can how we can identify some ways to keep it safe and healthy. We will also recognise how being healthy helps us to feel happy.
Art / Design & Technology	Our DT unit this half term is Structures: Constructing windmills . Here we will be designing, decorating and building a windmill for their mouse client to live in, developing an understanding of different types of windmill, how they work and looking at their key features.
Music	Oak Class will continue to be taught by a specialist music teacher every Thursday Morning. This half term, children will continue to learn about rhythm and tempo using a range of hand percussion instruments, as well as explore melodies with recorders. We will continue to incorporate opportunities for singing across the school day.
P.E.	Oak Class will have PE every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. 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. If your child does not have the correct kit, they will not be able to participate. All children in Elm Class are expected to come to school dressed in their PE kit (and school jumper/ cardigan) every Tuesday for this half term. There will not be a changing facility in operation. This term we will continue with gymnastics, so that we can finish our unit following on from having Yoga sessions last term. We will then being our dance unit where we will be taught by a specialist dance teacher.
Reading records	Your child will be given a banded book and a book of their choice from our book corner each week. Please note that children are required to have their book bag with their reading record and book every day. All children are required to take their book home every day to read and log comments into their Reading Record. Please make sure this is done at least once a week. Please ensure your child comes into school with their reading records in their school bags every Monday. If your child is not returning any books given to them to read throughout the week, they will not receive a new book to read for the following week. There will be a £5 charge for any books that have been damaged or lost.
Homework	Each week your child will be set weekly tasks for homework based on their learning throughout the week. Homework must be returned by the following Tuesday at the latest. Children in Year 1 should be encouraged to count to 100 in ones as well as 2s, 5s and 10s. They should also continue to learn their number bonds and number facts to 20 (doubles and halves), which will massively aid their in-class mathematical learning. Children will be assigned maths homework on the Sumdog website, for which they each have their own username and password to be found in their homework books .
Easter Bonnets/ Gardens	During the last week of term, children have the opportunity to bring in Easter bonnets and gardens they have made at home. There will be prizes for the best ones. Please see examples from last year below. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>
Educational Visit/ Trips	Visit to Florence Nightingale Museum Date: 22.03.2023
Key dates	Monday 20th February 2023 - Children return to school Week Beginning Monday 27th February 2023 – Book Week begins! Wednesday 8th - 12:10pm Y1-2 Oak class parents invited to lunch Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th March 2023 - Parent teacher consultation meetings to share pupil targets and progress Friday 10th March 2023 – Spanish Day! Week Beginning Monday 13th March 2023 – Whole school assessment week Friday 17th March 2023 – Red Nose Day!

Week beginning Monday 20th March 2023 – Neurodiversity Week

Tuesday 21st March 2023 – World Poetry Day

Friday 24th March 2023 – Poetry recital assembly

Week beginning Monday 20th March 2023 – Autism Awareness Week

Week beginning Monday 20th March 2023 – Easter bonnets and gardens to be brought to school

Thursday 30th March – Easter Cake Sale

Easter holidays: Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April 2023

Children return to school on Monday 17th April.