

Hollydale Primary School


Working together to be the best that we can be



Welcome back to the Summer term. We hope you have had a restful Easter break. We begin this new term with lots of exciting topics for the children to become immersed in. All of our contact details are below so you can email us. Alternatively, you can contact us via Class Dojo.

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

English	<p>We will start the term continuing with Tadpole's Promise by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross. The children will use their cross curricular knowledge from Science (Animals, Including Humans) in order to retell a known story and create their own version, as well as using information from the text to create an explanation piece about changes to a tadpole's development. Grammar will be embedded within these literacy sessions.</p> <p>We will continue the term with We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom. The children will explore the true story of the narrative, and produce descriptive non-fiction writing in different forms, such as writing the life-cycle of water, identifying environmental issues, researching Native American tribes and creating a campaign to look after our world.</p>
Reading Records	<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 Thursday.</p>
Phonics	<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>
Maths	<p>We will begin by exploring Fractions. Including learning about equal and unequal parts; find half and quarters and thirds; recognise unit and non-unit fractions and equivalence of a half and two quarters; count in fractions up to a whole. Children will recap telling time to O'clock and half past, then move on to quarter past, quarter to and telling time to 5 minutes. Children will know how many minutes in an hour and hours in a day. We will also find and compare durations of time. We will then move onto exploring efficient methods for problem solving. In addition to this, weekly 'Maths Fluency' sessions will ensure that the children's 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>
Science	<p>This term, we will continue our topic of Plants. The children will investigate and describe what plants need to grow and stay healthy. We will be continuing to observe a range of plants we have grown from seeds and describe them as they grow into mature plants, recording in our Bean Diaries. The children will develop their scientific skills by asking their own questions about what they notice; observing closely over time, using simple equipment; and using their observations to suggest answers to questions.</p>
Computing	<p>This term, we are animators! We will be creating a stop-motion animation. We will work in small groups to plan, film and add audio to a short 'stop-motion' animation.</p>
Topic	<p>In Topic this term we will be learning about Town and Country. We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use an atlas to locate the four countries of the UK, capital cities and other key places.• Plan a simple route around the local area using key vocabulary.• Ask geographical questions – Where is it? What is this place like? How near/far is it?
Art / Design & Technology	<p>In art we will be exploring colour mixing using a range of tools and techniques, and learn about primary and secondary colours.</p>
P.E.	<p>Elm class will have PE on a Monday and Wednesday afternoons. 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 (football). All children are expected to come to school dressed in their PE kit (and school jumper or cardigan) every Friday for this half term. We do not have a changing facility in operation in</p>

	order to keep our school community as safe as possible.
Music	Elm Class will be taught by a specialist music teacher (Mr Duncan Hamilton) every Thursday morning.
R.E.	<p>Our R.E. focus this term will be about special food and fasting and how this helps people in their faith. We will be learning about and answering the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is fasting and why do people do it? • Why do Muslim people fast in Ramadan? • What special food do Muslim people share during Eid? • Why do Christian people fast in Lent? • What do Christians do before Lent starts?
P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	This term our focus will be on Relationships. We will explore how to make friends and deal with problems when they occur. We will look at how to show respect to others and help others feel part of our friendship groups. We will identify our relationship with different family members.
Homework	Each Friday your child will be set 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. Additional maths homework will be assigned on the Sumdog website, for which each child also has their own username and password. Children should also learn their weekly spellings which will be sent home every week and tested the following week. All children have been assigned logins for TTRS and Sumdog.
SATS	As Year 2 is the end of Key Stage 1 we are required to assess the children against the National Curriculum objectives to determine their attainment and also to record the progress they have made since the end of the Foundation Stage. We will assess the children in Mathematics, Reading and SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) by using standardised national tests, making observations and gathering evidence from their work. A judgement is then decided and this judgement is reported in the end of year reports which you will receive in July. These assessments will commence in May 2023.
Reading Together Sessions	We are excited to share with you that our Reading Together Sessions will be starting on Friday 21st April, running every Friday from 9:00-9:20am. This is an opportunity for parents to see first-hand how we teach reading and reading related skills to children. Teachers and TAs will continue to deliver guided reading sessions with a group.
Class Dojo	<p>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.</p> <p>https://teach.classdojo.com/</p>
Other Notices	<p>Summer School Uniform:</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>Water bottles – Every child needs their own water bottle with their name on. Please make sure your child attends school with a water bottle every day. These can be refilled at school.</p>
Key dates	<p>Monday 24th – Friday 28th April – Science & Healthy Week</p> <p>Wednesday 26th April - Skip2befit - All children will need to wear PE kit</p> <p>Thursday 27th April – STRIKE DAY, SCHOOL CLOSED</p> <p>Monday 1st May – May Bank holiday, school closed.</p>

	<p>Tuesday 2nd May - STRIKE DAY, SCHOOL CLOSED</p> <p>Wednesday 3rd May – Dental workshop, KS1 and KS2</p> <p>Thursday 4th May - School of Kindness Workshop EYFS & KS1 13:15-15:00 pm</p> <p>Friday 5th May - Coronation celebration; coronation colours mufti day (red white and blue)</p> <p>Monday 8th May – King coronation ceremony - Bank holiday, school closed.</p> <p>Monday 15th May – KS1 Y2 SATS Tests to commence this week.</p> <p>Monday 15th May - Sunday 21st May - Mental Health Awareness Week</p> <p>Wednesday 17th May - Hobgoblin Theatre company, The history of maths workshop.</p> <p>Wednesday 24th May – Elm parents invited to lunch 12:10</p> <p>Friday 26th May - Last day of term. Mufti Day for £1 donation.</p> <p>Half Term – Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June</p> <p>Children return to school on Tuesday 6th June at 8:55am.</p>
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Year 2 Team

Elm Class Teachers – Miss Sultana and Ms La Malfa
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