

### Hollydale Primary School

Welcome back to the Summer Term and the countdown to SATS! If you have any questions throughout this half term please do not hesitate to email me ([cmcgowan15.210@lgflmail.org](mailto: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.

The end of KS2 assessments (SATS) will take place on the week of the **9<sup>th</sup> May 2023**. We will continue to revise in school for these assessments in order that the children are fully prepared and confident! I will continue to send weekly homework, as well as additional homework when necessary. Thank you for your continued support in terms of supporting your child with home learning. Finally, booster sessions will continue on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** for selected children.

I have uploaded revision guides for Maths and Grammar to Google Classroom. These contain all the key content the children need to prepare for their upcoming SATs assessments. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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


#### **SATs Week – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	KS2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test Paper 1 short answer questions. Paper 2 spelling
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Key stage 2 English Reading test.
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Key stage 2 Mathematics: Paper 1 arithmetic test; Paper 2 reasoning
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Key stage 2 Mathematics: Paper 3, reasoning.

To enable the children to come into school and feel relaxed, we will be running a breakfast club from **Tuesday to Friday** morning of that week from **8.15am**. The children will be able to come into school and enjoy a slice of toast, a bowl of cereal/breakfast bar with a glass of fresh juice if they so wish. **There will be no cost to parents**. Pupils will sit each test in the morning during the first lesson, so it is important for the children to come to school each and every day of SATs week and to be on time. It is very important that the children are well rested in the run up to SATs week and during the tests so that they can concentrate properly and stay focused. They would benefit from earlier nights and reduced screen time (such as games consoles, TV/laptop or tablet time).

#### **Summer 1 2023 - This half term Year 6 will be learning about the following topics:**

<b>English</b>	We will begin by completing a project based on the Three Little Pigs, where we will write newspaper reports, showing bias in our writing. We will then base our 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. We will also be having reading lessons where they will be practising the skills needed for reading comprehension due to their upcoming SATS.
<b>Reading Records</b>	Reading every day is vitally important for year 6 children. We would like to get parents involved to encourage regular reading habits. Talking to your children about their book choices is really helpful. Children need to record their reading in their new 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 <b>every Monday</b> , with an additional opportunity on <b>Friday</b> and there are plenty of choices in the class and in the library to choose from.
<b>Spelling, punctuation and grammar</b>	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 <b>Fridays</b> .
<b>Maths</b>	In Maths we will be focussing on revising and consolidating the Key Stage 2 curriculum in preparation for the end of Key Stage assessments (SATS). We will then complete a project based around drawing pie charts.
<b>Science</b>	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.

<b>Topic</b>	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 also complete a local geography study, learning about how World War Two affected London.
<b>DT</b>	Our DT learning this half term will link to our topic of WW2. We will design and make our own waistcoats.
<b>P.E.</b>	PE day for Willow class is <b>Thursday</b> and lessons are taught by Coach Kwan. The children will also have a second PE lesson every <b>Tuesday</b> . 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 <b>they attend school wearing their PE kit (and their Hollydale jumper) every Tuesday and Thursday</b> . The focus for this half term is Athletics.
<b>Music</b>	Children will take part in weekly Brass lessons – taught by Mr Mayhew and Mr Entwistle - on <b>Thursdays</b> .
<b>R.E.</b>	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.
<b>P.S.H.E. &amp; Citizenship</b>	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.
<b>Homework</b>	Homework will continue to be assigned via Google Classroom on a Friday and should be returned by <b>Tuesday</b> 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.
<b>Pupil birthdays</b>	Pupils can continue to wear their <b>own clothes on their birthday/own PE kit if it's a PE day</b> .
<b>Additional information</b>	<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><b>Summer uniform can be worn from Summer 1. Please see below.</b></p> <p><b>Girls Uniform</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer Dresses - Red &amp; White or Green &amp; White Gingham</li> <li>• Cardigan/ Sweatshirt/V neck sweater - Dark green</li> <li>• Footwear - Black Shoes</li> <li>• Hijabs – White/Dark Green/Black only</li> </ul> <p><b>Boys Uniform</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polo shirt – Dark green, bright red or white</li> <li>• Cardigan/ Sweatshirt/V neck sweater - Dark green</li> <li>• Trousers/ shorts (knee length) – Grey</li> <li>• Footwear - Black shoes</li> </ul> 
<b>Key dates</b>	<p><b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b> – Science/Healthy Eating Week</p> <p><b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b> – Skip2Bfit whole school event</p> <p><b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b> – Strike Day</p> <p><b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023</b> – Bank Holiday</p> <p><b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b> – Strike Day</p> <p><b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b> – Willow Class Parents/Carers invited to lunch @ 12:25</p> <p><b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b> – Dental Workshops</p> <p><b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b> – Prevent Workshops</p> <p><b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Coronation celebration and Mufti day (Red, White and Blue colours)</p> <p><b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Bank Holiday</p> <p><b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b> – KS2 SATs (see above)</p> <p><b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b> – Mental Health Awareness Week</p> <p><b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b> – School of Kindness workshop KS2 (Years 3-6) AM</p> <p><b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Class photographs</p> <p><b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Hobgoblin Theatre company workshop (The History of Maths)</p> <p><b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Poetry recital assembly</p> <p><b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Mufti day</p> <p><b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Times tables challenge</p>

Term will finish **Friday 26th May 2023** and school will resume on **Tuesday 6th June 2023**.

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