



Hollydale Primary School

Working together to be the best that we can be.

Our Topic this half term is 'Whitby'. We will be learning how to identify the similarities and differences between Whitby and Hollydale Primary school. Each pupil will also learn how to describe the landscape around Whitby and identify the way land is used from a digital map. On another note Ms Opaleye will be back in class on the 27th of June. If you have any questions about your child's learning or any other aspect of Birch Class life, please do not hesitate to contact me via Class Dojos. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Regards, *Mrs Opaleye*
Class Teacher – Mrs Opaleye/Mr Long
Additional Support Staff: Ms Clarke

Summer 1 2023- This half term Year 4 will be learning about the following topics:

English	Our first focus text will be 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis.' We will explore the themes and language of the text, particularly writing character descriptions, book reviews and retelling parts of the story. We will also use the grammatical skills that we have learnt to write a prospectus. 'Spelling' lists will be sent home on Fridays and tested the following week (Friday). We will continue to focus on the Year 3/4 spelling rules and patterns such as prefixes and suffixes.
Reading Records	The children will bring home a book from the class book corner or the school library every week. Please read and discuss the books with your child and support them with recording a comment in their records and ensure that these books are brought to school every day.
Maths	<p>In Maths the children will begin the term by building on their mental arithmetic knowledge using multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. The children will have an opportunity to learn about money; including converting pounds and pence as well as estimating amounts of money and finding change.</p> <p>They will continue to apply their knowledge and skills within problem-solving contexts. Each child will also learn how to tell time to the minute, convert analogue times to digital times, create line graphs and recognise the different properties of shapes.</p> <p>Please ensure that your child knows their number bonds to one hundred and all times tables and related division facts (12 x12) by the end of the term. Please encourage the daily use of TTRS and Maths frame at home. https://trockstars.com/ https://mathsframe.co.uk/</p> <p>Times Tables – This year the children will sit the times tables test in June 2022. Please ensure that you are supporting and practising all times tables with your child/children.</p>
Science	<p>Our topic of living things and their habitats will continue this term.</p> <p>In science the children will learn to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways- explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment.- recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things
History/ Geography	<p>This term will be a geography focus and we will be learning about Whitby. We will be learning about what it was like to live there and we will make comparisons with where we live. We will also be pen paling with another school in Whitby.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Where is Whitby?- What is it like in Whitby?- What is the landscape like in Whitby?- What goes on in Whitby?
Design & Technology	<p>DT Unit- Mechanical Slingshot car</p> <p>The children will apply their knowledge about mechanisms in a purposeful way by designing and making a Mechanical Slingshot car. They will decide upon the design criteria for the light by</p>

	considering who will use it and where it will be used. Finally, the children will complete a detailed evaluation of their final product.
P.E.	Birch will have PE on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Your child/children will need to wear their PE kit and school jumper to school on this day Please ensure your child/children are wearing the following kit for PE: Black tracksuit bottoms, a white t-shirt and black trainers or plimsolls. PE will be taught by Coach Samuel .
Music	LKS2 will have weekly ukulele lessons delivered by our peripatetic teacher Mr Thorpe.
Spanish	Spanish will continue to be taught every Friday by Ms Opaleye/Mr Long. We will be learning how to describe the days of the week and the different types of weather. We will also start learning how we can describe the different modes of transport that are used.
R.E.	This term our R.E. focus will be Hinduism Pupils will explore Hindu worship at home and in the Mandir, and explore some of the objects used in worship and their symbolism, and how these have an impact on daily life.
P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	Our focus this half term will be ' Changing me. ' We will also continue to develop our awareness of how we change and start to think about the transition between Year 4 and Year 5.
RSE (Relationship and Sex Education)	Year 4 will be taught the following (RSHE) topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing and Changing- To explore the human lifecycle. • Body Changes and Reproduction- To identify some basic facts about puberty, reproduction and pregnancy. • What is Puberty? To learn about the physical changes associated with puberty.
Computing	Our topic this half term is: We are meteorologists (Presenting the weather) In this unit, pupils create their own animation in Scratch. In: Session 1 they discuss ways to measure the weather and explore equipment ● Session 2 they record the weather over a period of time using a range of methods ● Session 3 they analyse the weather data collected ● Session 4 they analyse the photographs taken and link them to data ● Session 5 they predict the weather and plan a weather forecast ● Session 6 they deliver their TV-style weather forecast and reflect on learning.
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. 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, Sumdog, First News and Bug Club.
Key Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WC 6.06.2023 – 09.06.2023 - Arts Week • WC 19.06.2023 – 23.06.2023 – Assessment Week • Friday 23rd - Arts Exhibition for parents • Tuesday 27th – Cricket Festival/Ms Opaleye back in class • Wednesday 5th July – Spelling Bee competition • Thursday 6th July – Sports Day • Friday 7th July – Poetry recital assembly • Thursday 13th July – End of year reports sent home • Friday 14th July – Maths Timetables challenge • Saturday 15th July – Summer Fair • Tuesday 18th July – Exercise books sent home • Thursday 20th July – Summer concert • Friday 21st July – Last day of term, MUFTI day and 2pm finish

**Additional
Information
Including
Summer
Uniform**

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.

Girls Uniform

- Summer Dresses - Red & White or Green & White Gingham
- Cardigan/ Sweatshirt/V neck sweater - Dark green
- Footwear - Black Shoes
- Hijabs – White/Dark Green/Black only

Boys Uniform

- Polo shirt – Dark green, bright red or white
- Cardigan/ Sweatshirt/V neck sweater - Dark green
- Trousers/ shorts (knee length) – Grey
- Footwear - Black shoes



Term will finish Friday 21st July 2023 at 2PM.

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

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