


### 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](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.

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

#### **Summer 2 2023 - This half term Year 6 will be learning about the following topics:**

<b>English</b>	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. We will then complete a unit based around Some Places More Than Others by Renee Watson. We will produce a variety of text types, including recipes and poems, before writing our own autobiographies.
<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 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> 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 be revising and consolidating the English Grammar Key Stage 2 Curriculum and applying this into our writing. The children will continue to have weekly spellings, linked to our topic learning. Spelling tests of these words will take place on <b>Fridays</b> .
<b>Maths</b>	In Maths during Summer term 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.
<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 (History)</b>	Our History 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.
<b>Topic (Geography)</b>	Our Geography topic this half term is Our Local Area. We will be using fieldwork to complete a local area study.
<b>Computing</b>	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"><li>• manage or contribute to large collaborative projects, facilitated using online tools</li><li>• write and review content</li><li>• source digital media while demonstrating safe, respectful and responsible use</li><li>• design and produce a high-quality print document.</li></ul>
<b>Art and Design</b>	This half term our topic is Sculpture and 3d: Making Memories! Documenting their memories of their time at primary school, the children will select their favourite art and design skills and techniques to design and create a 3D artwork to represent these memories.
<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 Netball/Tag Rugby.
<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 or on paper 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 maths homework will continue to 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>Year 6 End of Term Arrangements</b>	Our production this year will be We'll Meet Again, a musical based around our topic of WW2. The date will be confirmed in due course.  Our Graduation will take place on Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2023.
<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>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>Key dates</b>	<p><b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023</b> – Art Exhibition</p> <p><b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b> – Year 5 and 6 Athletics Competition at Southwark Park: selected children to attend</p> <p><b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b> – Spelling Bee</p> <p><b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b> – Sports Day</p> <p><b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b> – Poetry Recital Assembly</p> <p><b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b> – Pupils Reports sent home</p> <p><b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b> – Math Times Tables Challenge</p> <p><b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b> – Summer Fayre!</p> <p><b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b> – Exercise books sent home</p> <p><b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023</b> – Last day of the academic year 2022 – 23. School ends at 2pm. Mufti Day children can wear their own clothes and will need to bring £1 to school.</p>

Term will finish at **2pm** on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023**. We wish you all the best for the future!

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**Willow Class Team:**

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