



Hollydale Primary School: Autumn 2 2023

We hope you had a restful half term holiday!

Our Topic this half term is 'All Around the World. We will be learning about where the countries of the world are located, and some of the different ways that geographers describe locations. The pupils will also learn how to locate and describe places using longitude and latitude. Each pupil will find out about some of the important lines that delineate specific areas of the Earth - the Equator, the Hemispheres, the Poles and the Tropics. Finally, the pupils will develop their understanding of time zones.

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 or by email – nthebe1.210@lgflmail.org . Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Regards, Mrs Opaleye (Class Teacher)

Learning Mentor Mrs. Clarke

Additional Support Staff: Mrs Bri

Autumn 2 2023- This half term Year 4 will be learning about the following topics:

English	<p><u>FArTHER written by Grahame Baker Smith.</u></p> <p>We will begin by exploring the concept of dreams and how important they are in our lives. We will then by exploring the text through a range of activities that include explicit grammar teaching, opportunities for shorter written outcomes and book talk. We will create a story-map of the key events from the book to write a sequel, they write a set of instruction to describe how our own flying machine works.</p> <p><u>The Iron Man written by Ted Hughes</u></p> <p>Our second will be The Iron Man written by Ted Hughes and illustrated by Laura Carlin in which we will explore the devices of mystery and suspense. We will write a range of different texts-types including letters, a news article and a poem with the extended written outcome being a published narrative.</p> <p>Spelling lists will be sent home on Fridays and tested the following week. We will continue to focus on the Year 3/4 spelling rules and patterns such as prefixes and suffixes.</p>
Reading Records	<p>The children will bring home a book from the class book corner or the school library every Friday. Please read and discuss the book with your child and support them with recording a comment about their reading in their reading record. Your child will also be able to read a range of newspapers on First News.</p>
Maths	<p>In Numeracy pupils will consolidate our knowledge of efficient written methods of addition and subtraction. Then, we will onto measurement of both length and perimeter. Before moving onto multiplication and division.</p> <p>Please ensure that your child knows number bonds to one hundred and all times tables and related division facts (x2, x3, x4, x5, x6, x7, x8, x9, x10, x11 and x12) —it is vital that children know these in order to progress in numeracy. Times Tables – This year the children will sit the times tables test in the summer term. Please ensure that you are supporting and practicing all times tables with your child/children.</p> <p>Year 4 Times Tables Test – Next year the children will sit the times tables test in June 2024. Please ensure that you are supporting and practicing all times tables with your child/children.</p>
Science	<p>Our topic this half term is States of Matter. In science the children will learn how to compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases. They will also observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C)</p> <p>Finally, they will identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle</p>
History/ Geography	<p>Our Geography topic this half term is 'All Around the World. We will be learning about where the countries of the world are located, and some of the different ways that geographers describe locations.</p>

Art/Design & Technology	<p>Art Topic- Painting and mixed media: Light and dark. The children will develop their colour mixing skills, using shades and tints to show form and create three dimensions when painting.</p> <p>Design & Technology Topic- Electrical systems: Torches. The children will apply their scientific understanding of electrical circuits, children create a torch, designing and evaluating their product against set design criteria</p>
P.E. including cricket	<p>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 and a specialist cricket coach.</p>
Music	<p>LKS2 will have weekly ukulele lessons delivered by our peripatetic teacher Mr Thorpe.</p>
Computing	<p>Our topic this half term is: We are makers Coding for micro: bit. In this unit, pupils create their own animation in Scratch. In:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session 1 they explore the Make Code environment and learn about the BBC micro: bit • Session 2 they work out how a match-scoring program has been written • Session 3 they modify a rock-paper-scissors game to make a sorting hat game • Session 4 they modify their sorting hat game to make a dice game • Session 5 they plan their own micro: bit project • Session 6 they write and test their own micro: bit project. •
Spanish	<p>Spanish will continue to be taught every Wednesday. In this unit, the pupils will learn to develop their conversational skills via some new topics: transport, direction and movement.</p>
R.E.	<p>Throughout the year we will be investigating the question: What is special to me and the people in my community? This term our topic will be Why is the Bible special for Christians? This investigation enables pupils to learn in depth from different religious and spiritual ways of life about Christian scriptures – the Bible – exploring questions about what the bible says and how the bible is used and valued in Christian communities today.</p>
P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	<p>Our focus this half term will be celebrating differences in which we will explore. Celebrating Difference focuses on similarities and differences and teaches about diversity, such as disability, racism, power, friendships, and conflict; children learn to accept everyone's right to 'difference'. Road Safety Week 20th-24th November.</p>
Anti-bullying week (13.11.23-17.11.23)	<p>Anti-bullying week will take place across the school in the week beginning the 14th of November. Children will participate in a variety of activities throughout the week and we will be selling anti-bullying wristbands before and after school. There is a whole school home learning project to create an anti-bullying poster. On Friday the 18th November children should wear odd socks and bring in a donation of £1.</p>
Homework	<p>Each Friday your child will be assigned literacy and numeracy tasks. These must be returned the following Tuesday.</p> <p>Children should continue to learn their times tables, which will be tested on a regular basis. Children can practice using Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS), for which they have their own login. 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 spellings which will be sent home every week and tested the following week. The logins for TTRS, First News and Sumdog can be found in their reading records..</p>
Christmas	<p>Our whole school performance will take place on Thursday 7th December 2023 at St Catherine's Church, Pepys Road, SE14 5SG</p>
Additional Information	<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>

Key Dates

- Monday October 30th - Children return to school at 8:55am
- Tuesday 31st October – Weekly cricket sessions begin
- Parliament Week
- **Friday 3rd November - Y4, Y5 and Y6 Black History Month assembly (Parents/ Carers invited to attend)**
- Friday 3rd November - School council to sell pupil self-portraits.
- Monday 6th - Black History Month home learning project due to be submitted
- **Tuesday 7th November – Educational visit to St Paul’s Cathedral**
- Friday 10th November - Open day prospective Reception parents
- Friday 10th November - Parliament Day
- Monday 13th November - Anti-Bullying Week ‘Make a Noise About Bullying’
- Monday 13th November - Remembrance Day Commemoration
- Friday 17th November - Odd Socks Day – Children to wear odd socks to show their support for anti-bullying for a £1.00 donation
- Friday 17th November - Flu immunisation YR to Y6
- Monday 20th November – Road Safety Week
- Wednesday 22nd November - Whole school safety services event
- Monday 27th November – Assessment Week
- **Wednesday 29th November – Educational visit to Horniman Museum**
- Thursday 30th November - Y1 to Y6 Times Tables Challenge competition
- Friday 1st December - YR to Y6 Poetry Recital Assembly
- **Thursday 7th December – Whole School Christmas production- St Catherine’s Church Pepys Road, SE14 5SG (Parents/ Carers invited to attend)**
- Wednesday 13th December - Christmas lunch and Winter Jumper Day
- **Saturday 17th December - Christmas fete and cake sale – Christmas Raffle (Parents/ Carers invited to attend)**
- Friday 15th December - Spelling Bee competition
- Tuesday 19th December - Christmas class parties
- Wednesday 20th December - Last day of term. School finishes at 2:00pm. No After School Club