

Hollydale Primary School

Welcome back to a new term at Hollydale. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful holiday and are ready for all the exciting challenges this new term will offer!

If you have any questions throughout this half term please do not hesitate to email me (ghopkins5.210@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.

This half term, we will be continuing to prepare for the children's end of KS2 assessments (SATS). More information about these assessments will be sent in due course. To help prepare for this the children we will continue to have weekly maths fluency, spelling, grammar and timetables practice to ensure they are fully prepared and confident! They will also continue to have weekly homework to ensure they are progressing so please support your child with this throughout the year! Finally, as with last term, additional homework may be sent through the week.

Miss Hopkins, Year 6 Willow class teacher

Additional Support Staff: Ms Mustafa

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

English	This half term we will continue with the theme of 'Migration and Movement'. Firstly, we will be basing our learning on the book <i>Windrush Child</i> by Benjamin Zephaniah. The children will be writing in a range of different styles including news reports, diary entries, persuasive writing and stories, all based on these books. In our whole class reading sessions, we will continue reading the novel <i>Fly Me Home</i> by Polly Ho-Yen before moving onto <i>On the Move: Poems about Migration</i> by Michael Rosen. We will also be focusing on handwriting presentation. Please see letter join letter attached.
Reading Records	Reading every day is vitally important for year 6 children. We will continue with physical reading records. The expectation is to bring these into school daily and write at least 4 entries a week about what they are reading. Children will have the opportunity to choose books from the school library each week. All children will be required to take their library book or classroom book home each night to read, and log comments into their reading records. Please read and discuss your child's book with them and ensure that it is returned each day in a school bag. The library reading books will be changed weekly as and when appropriate for each child. Reading rewards will be given to children for fantastic, in-depth comments
Spelling, punctuation and grammar	This term the children will be having weekly grammar sessions in order to improve their 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. Spellings will be sent home along with the children's homework on Fridays. A spelling test will then take place the following Friday .
Maths	In Maths the children will be focusing on Fractions . First, we will revise and consolidate how to find equivalent fractions and convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions. We will then build on this knowledge in order to compare and order fractions, before learning how to add, subtract, multiply and divide with fractions and use this to solve problems. Throughout the term we will also develop our skills and discuss how we can use mathematical language to reason and explain our answers. The children will also need to continue to practise their times tables. Their logins for Times Tables Rockstars can be found in their reading records. Finally, the children will continue to practise their arithmetic skills throughout the half term, during our maths fluency and arithmetic sessions. Please encourage the daily use of these at home. https://ttrockstars.com/ https://mathsframe.co.uk/ https://www.sumdog.com/us/
Science	Our Science topic this half term is Electricity . The children will learn – through theoretical and practical activities – how to associate the brightness of lamps and volume of buzzers with the number and voltage of batteries used. They will be able to explain and give reasons for this. Finally, they will be able to use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram.
Computing	This half term our Computing unit is ' We are Computational Thinkers .' In this unit we will learn to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• develop the ability to reason logically about algorithms• understand how some key algorithms can be expressed as programs• understand that some algorithms are more efficient than others for the same problem• understand common algorithms for searching and sorting a list.
Topic	This term our Geography Topic is ' Rivers Around the World .' We will begin by identifying and explaining the stages of the water cycle. We will then locate and describe major world rivers. Finally, we will explore and identify the features of a river in detail.

Art	Our Art and Design topic this term is Photography . We will be looking at the characteristics of a good photo before taking our own digital photos and editing these. We will then complete a number of Christmas art projects.
P.E.	PE days for Willow class are Tuesday and Thursday . On Thursday, the children will continue to be taught by one of our LPESSN coaches. 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 they attend school wearing their PE kit (and their Hollydale jumper) every Tuesday and Thursday .
Music	Children will take part in weekly Brass lessons on Thursday . Please encourage your child to rehearse regularly and bring their instrument into school. If your child takes home their instrument, please ensure it is bought back in every Thursday morning.
R.E.	This term in RE we will be focusing on how art is important in Christianity . We will be considering how people express their faith through art and how colour and sculpture can express religious ideas and feelings. Then, we will consider how music is used as worship and how drama can express faith. Finally, we will consider what is similar and different about Christian art to other religions.
P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	This term our focus will be Celebrating Difference . We will consider what it means to 'be normal' and how normal can look lots of different ways. We will also think about why bullying behaviours arise and how we can prevent these.
Spanish	In Spanish our topic is 'At the Shops'. We will be learning lots of vocabulary linked to shopping and applying these to conversations.
Homework	Homework will be set on a Friday and should be returned by Tuesday of the following week. Children will be set weekly Maths, English and Science homework. This will be sent home in a homework folder in paper format. They should continue to learn their times tables, which will be tested on a regular basis, and they should continue to practice these using Times Table Rock Stars, for which they have their own logins. Additional maths homework will be assigned on the Sumdog website, for which each child also has their own username and password. Children also need to practice and learn the spellings that they are set.
Anti-bullying week	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
Christmas performance	Our Christmas performance will take place on Thursday 7th December 2023 . Arrangements will be confirmed in due course. Our whole school performance will take place on Thursday 7th December 2023 at St Catherine's Church, Pepys Road, SE14 5SG
Key dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 24th November 2023 - Southwark Junior Citizenship educational trip • Tuesday 31st October – Weekly cricket sessions begin • Thursday 2nd November- Y4, Y5 and Y6 Black History Month assembly (parents 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 • 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 • 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 • Wednesday 13th December - Christmas lunch and Winter Jumper Day • Saturday 17th December - Christmas fete and cake sale – Christmas Raffle • Friday 15th December - Spelling Bee competition • Tuesday 19th December - Christmas class parties <p>Wednesday 20th December - Last day of term. School finishes at 2:00pm. No After School Club</p>

Term will finish on **Wednesday 20th December 2023** and school will resume on **Tuesday 9th January 2024**.

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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