



Hollydale Primary School

Working together to be the best that we can be Year 2 – Cedar Class

Welcome back to the final half of the spring term. We hope that you have had a restful half term break! This term the children will be engaging in a range of exciting learning activities and opportunities, such as World Book Day and Easter activities.

Spring 2 2026 - This half term Year 2 will be learning about the following topics:

English	<p>In English we will begin by continuing our learning based around 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward. We will write informative leaflets and postcards giving advice before writing our own versions of the story.</p> <p>We will then base our learning around 'Tadpole's Promise' by Jeanne Willis. We will be producing a range of text types including simple explanations, speech and thought bubbles, setting descriptions and extended explanations.</p> <p>In our Whole Class Reading sessions we are reading 'The Magic Finger' by Roald Dahl. We will also be having weekly grammar sessions in which children will focus on identifying sentence types, tenses and word classes.</p>
Spellings	<p>We are working very hard in school to strengthen basic skills, but we need your help to boost spellings. We have created a spelling challenge to make this fun and engaging and we are offering a whole host of rewards to motivate and encourage the children to get on board!</p> <p>All that we ask is that you help your children learn to spell the words on their challenge card. Every time they have secured a section (bronze, silver or gold), staff will check that they have indeed secured the bronze, silver or gold block and the children will receive a certificate and they can begin learning the next set of spellings.</p> <p>We are hopeful that this will be more meaningful than testing spellings weekly and by basing it on high frequency words and words commonly used in their writing, it will be more purposeful as it is being embedded not only in Literacy but across the whole curriculum.</p>
Handwriting and Presentation	<p>Children will have specific handwriting lessons to help them improve their presentation across all subjects. We will focus on letter formation and correctly joining our letters together. Children are reminded of the importance of presentation in all subjects across the curriculum. Please support this by using LetterJoin at home. https://www.letterjoin.co.uk/index.html</p>
Reading Records	<p>The children will bring home a sharing book (free-choice book from the book corner) on Tuesday as well as a banded book. Please read and discuss the books with your child. Parents must record in the reading records at least once a week. Please note that children are required to have their book bag with their reading record inside every day.</p> <p>If the phonics book that your child brings home ends up lost or damaged, parents will need to pay for a replacement.</p>
Phonics	<p>Phonics will be taught every day and this will be consolidated in Literacy and weekly spellings. We will focus on the Year 2 spelling rules and patterns and be looking at the suffixes er, est and ly to start off the term.</p>
Maths	<p>In Maths, pupils this term will learn to develop their knowledge and skill of 'Multiplication and Division', including making and adding equal groups; using arrays; grouping and sharing and recognising odd and even numbers.</p> <p>Following on from this, we will focus on 'Measurement' with activities involving measuring, ordering and comparing length, height, mass, capacity and temperature. Pupils will have the opportunity to apply their knowledge of the four operations in the context of measures.</p>

	<p>We will continue to work on fluency, including counting in steps of 2, 3, and 5 from 0, and in tens from any number, forward or backward.</p> <p>Please ensure that your child knows number bonds to one hundred and all times tables and related division facts (2, 5 & 10) —it is vital that children know these in order to progress in numeracy.</p> <p>Please ensure that you are supporting and practicing all times tables with your child/children. You can use Times Table Rock Stars to support this.</p>
Science	Our topic this half term is Seasonal Change – Spring to Summer . We will be learning all about the changes that happen between seasons and investigating these.
Computing	Our topic this half term is We are safe researchers . In this unit, pupils retrieve digital content from the Internet for a particular purpose and use mind mapping software to organise their questions and answers about a topic. They use presentation software to present their findings to an audience.
Topic	Our Topic this half term is What a Wonderful World! We will learn about the location of countries, continents and oceans of the world in relation to the position of the United Kingdom and our local area. We will continue to develop global awareness by looking in detail at the position of the seven continents and five oceans of the world, understanding that the world is spherical and creating our own journeys across the world. The children will continue to build on their map skills developed in Year 1 using atlases, world maps and globes more widely, along with using aerial photographs to recognise human and physical features including landmarks.
R.E.	This term our topic will be 'How do we know what is right or wrong?' We will be exploring how different religions understand what is right or wrong.
PSHE	Our focus this half term will be 'Healthy Me' . We will be thinking about why our body is amazing and how we can identify some ways to keep it safe and healthy. We will also recognise how being healthy helps us to feel happy.
Art / Design & Technology	Our DT unit this half term is Craft and Design: Map it out . We will be looking at a range of different maps and how they can be used to create art pieces.
P.E.	<p>We will have PE on Monday afternoons. Please ensure that your child/children wear the following kit for PE: Black tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a white t-shirt or top and black trainers or plimsolls. Our focus this term will be Problem Solving.</p> <p>All children are expected to come to school dressed in their PE kit (and school jumper or cardigan). There will not be a changing facility in operation.</p>
Music	Year 2 Cedar Class will continue to be taught by a specialist music teacher every Thursday morning. The children will continue to learn about rhythm and tempo using a range of hand percussion instruments, as well as explore melodies with various instruments. We will continue to incorporate opportunities for singing across the school day.
Easter Bonnets/ Gardens	<p>During the last weeks of term, children have the opportunity to bring in Easter bonnets and gardens they have made at home. There will be prizes for the best ones. Please see examples from previous years.</p> 

<p>Home Learning Projects</p>	<p>Book Week and Easter</p> 
<p>Homework</p>	<p>Each Friday your child will be set weekly literacy and maths tasks for homework based on their learning throughout the week. Homework must be returned by the following Tuesday at the latest. Children in Year 2 should practice their times tables (2, 5 and 10) using TTRS.</p>
<p>Class Dojo</p>	<p>Please make sure you have access to Class Dojo in order to receive updates on any important information you would need to know. If there is anything we need to share with you, we will use this platform to contact you.</p>
<p>Key dates</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>February Key Dates:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 23rd February – Children return to school at 8:55pm Friday 27th February – Curriculum Newsletters are to be sent home</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>March Key Dates:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 2nd March – World Book Week Begins Thursday 5th March – World Book Day Friday 6th March – PTA Coffee Morning Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th March – Parent-Teacher Consultation Meetings: 3:45pm – 6:00pm Friday 13th March – Mothers’ Day Sale/ Event Monday 16th March – Assessment Week Tuesday 17th March – Time Table Challenge Friday 20th March – Red Nose Day Monday 23rd March – Easter Bonnets/ Gardens brought to school. Thursday 26th March – Poetry Recital AM. Easter Events – Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Egg gifts from PTA Friday 27th March – Easter Parade/ Last Day of School and finishes at 1pm. No after school club.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Easter Holiday: Monday 30th March – Tuesday 14th April 2026</p>
<p>Additional Information</p>	<p>Please ensure that your child attends school with a fresh water bottle every day and is wearing the correct uniform. Our uniform encourages a sense of belonging and is compulsory for all children from Reception Class to Year 6.</p> <p>Please note that children can wear their own clothes on the day of their birthday. If their birthday falls on their PE day, please make sure they wear the appropriate athletic wear of their choice.</p>