

Hollydale Primary School
Working together to be the best that we can be



Welcome back to the final half of summer term! We hope that you have had a restful half term break and are ready for all the exciting and challenging opportunities this term will offer! This half term the children will be focussing their learning on their topic 'Magical Mapping'. This will help to develop their geographical skills.

Communication between our community and school continues to be so very important to us however, we are aware that with our Covid procedures, this can make conversations with us that little bit harder. We are still here for you all! All of our contact details are below.

Summer 2 2021 - This half term Year 2 will be learning about the following topics:

English	<p>We will start the term by looking at the text <i>The Dragon Machine</i> by Helen Ward. The children will initially be engaged by noticing a dragon tail and then going on a dragon hunt across the school. We will then create a guide, exploring descriptive and positional language. The children will engage with the main character's thoughts and emotions through letter writing. Throughout the sequence, the children will explore a number of spelling patterns and rules from the Y2 Programme of Study and these will be specifically edited for in their final outcome of an extended 'dragon machine' story.</p> <p>We will continue the term by looking at <i>Rosie Revere, Engineer</i> by Andrea Beatty and David Roberts. The children will begin by designing their own suspension/ opening bridges. They then will write a short explanation about how their bridge works, using verbs in their progressive form.</p>
Reading Records	The children will bring home a banded book once a week. They will also bring home a free-choice book from the book corner. Please read and discuss the book with your child. Parents must record in the reading records every time they read at home. Please note that children are required to have their book bag with their reading record inside every day. The reading books for Oak will be changed every Monday and Friday.
Phonics	Phonics will be taught every day and this will be consolidated in Literacy and weekly spellings. Spellings will be assigned on Google Classroom every Friday and tested the following week. We will focus on the Year 2 spelling rules and patterns.
Maths	We will be looking at capacity, weight and mass as well as learning to tell the time to the nearest five minutes. We will also learn how to read scales and solve problems focusing on developing our reasoning skills. In addition to this, weekly 'Maths Fluency' sessions will ensure that the children's arithmetic skills are being developed to aid rapid recall of number facts. Throughout Year 2 we will practice and test their times tables (2, 3, 5 and 10) using Times Table Rock Stars. Please support your child with this at home as they have been given their individual login details.
Science	This half term we will be learning about Living things and their Habitats. We will sort and classify things according to whether they are living, dead or were never alive; construct simple food chains and describe the conditions in different habitats and micro-habitats. We will be observing using hand held lenses and recording data in tally and bar charts.
Computing	In Computing this term, we will be covering the unit We are Zoologists. The children will go on a bug hunt, recording and identifying the small animals they find. They will organise the data they have collected, record it on a spreadsheet and create charts; as well as add images to a local map linking to our Geography learning.
Topic	<p>In Topic this term, we will be learning about Mapping. We will be thinking about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to devise our own maps using symbols in a key • How compass directions help us move around a map • How to use an atlas to find places in the UK • What is an aerial view?
Art / Design & Technology	This term we will be making art using recycled plastic with a focus on sustainability. There will be a whole-school Arts Week beginning 14 th June with a focus on food technology.

P.E	We are doing Multiskills this half term. We will be moving in different ways with control, travelling around different obstacles. We will also be learning different balances.
Music	Oak Class will continue to be taught by our specialist music teacher (Ms Katie Macdonald) every Friday afternoon. Children in Year 2 are strongly encouraged to bring their own recorders to these sessions for hygiene reasons especially under these current Covid circumstances. These can be purchased from the school office for £5.00.
R.E	We will be focusing on Forgiveness and the question 'Can stories change people?'. We will think about about what it means to say sorry and find out about different religious views on forgiveness and saying sorry.
P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	We will be studying the Jigsaw unit 'Changing Me'. We will look at how everyone is special and unique, we will express how we feel when change happens and know who to ask if we are worried about change.
RSE	In our sessions delivered by the school nurse we will be covering the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · To identify differences between males and females · To explore some of the differences between males and females and to understand how this is part of the lifecycle · To focus on sexual difference and name body parts
Homework	Each Friday your child will be set weekly literacy and maths tasks for homework based on their learning throughout the week on Google Classroom. Homework must be submitted by the following Tuesday at the latest. Children in Year 2 should learn their times tables (2, 3, 5 and 10) , which will be tested on a weekly basis. Children can practice using Times Table Rock Stars, for which they have their own login. Additional maths homework will be assigned on the Mathletics website, for which each child also has their own username and password. Children should also learn spellings which will be set on Google Classroom every week and tested the following week.
Class Dojo	Since we are not able to have face-to-face meetings, it is really important that you are linked to Class Dojo. We will update the Class Story with any important information you need to know and contact you via message if there is anything we need to share with you. https://teach.classdojo.com/
Key dates	Monday 7 th June – Healthy Week Wednesday 9 th June – Local area walk linked to our topic of mapping. We will return to school and create sketch maps of our local area. Friday 11 th June – Virtual Author Workshop – Dapo Adeola Monday 14 th June – Arts Week Monday 28 th June – Assessment Week Monday 28 th June – RSE lessons will be taking place Thursday 15 th July – Sports Day – Sadly parents and carers won't be able to join us this year due to our Covid protocols and risk assessment Friday 16 th July – End of year reports will be sent home today. Monday 19 th July – All exercise books will be sent home Tuesday 20 th July – Transition Day – Children to spend some time in their new classrooms with their new teachers Friday 23 rd July – LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOLS FINISHES AT 2PM SHARP. Please ensure that your child attends school with a fresh water bottle every day and is wearing the correct summer uniform. Our uniform encourages a sense of belonging and is compulsory for all children from Reception Class to Year 6.



Year 2 Team

Oak Class Teachers – Ms Macdonald (vmacdonald2.210@lgflmail.org) Monday and Tuesday

Ms Sultana – fsultana9.210@lgflmail.org (Assistant Headteacher) Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

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