



Hollydale Primary School: Autumn 2 2021

We hope you had a restful half term holiday!

Our Topic this half term is 'The United Kingdom (U.K.)'. We will be learning about all aspects of the United Kingdom including its population size, life expectancy. We will also explore the United Kingdom's human and physical features e.g. tallest mountains, longest river, coastlines and much more.

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 – Mrs Opaleye
Additional Support Staff: Mr Banwo

Autumn 2 2021- This half term Year 4 will be learning about the following topics:

English	<p>The Lion and the Unicorn by Shirley Hughes. We will explore the text in its historical context and discuss the themes and imagery within. We will explore a range of grammatical concepts including dialogue to create inference about a character, a variety of noun phrases to create description, character comparisons using conjunctions, personification and prepositions to describe a setting. We will write a range of different texts such as diary entries, letters, character comparisons, setting descriptions and finish by writing their own evacuation narrative. Then we will focus on The Matchbox Diary by Paul Fleischman and Bagram Ibatoulline. The children will discover a set of matchboxes containing some of the mementoes from the story. After writing predictions about what the objects might relate to, the children listen to the story in stages. They make inferences about why the great-grandfather and his family went to America, explore vocabulary and write in role. After exploring prepositions, they create a ship's log that is in the form of a recount. They then investigate migration and read for research to gather ideas about Ellis Island. Following this, the children plan and then write a non-chronological report about the great-grandfather's and other who made a similar journey all those years ago.</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	The children will bring home a book from the class book corner or the school library every Friday. Your child will also be assigned Bug Club books that they should during each week. Please read and discuss the book with your child and support them with recording a comment about their reading on Google Classroom.
Maths	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>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>Times Tables – This year the children will sit the times tables test in June 2022. Please ensure that you are supporting and practicing all times tables with your child/children.</p>
Science	Our topic this half term is Electricity . In science the children will learn to identify items that run on electricity such as laptops, mobile phones, televisions, etc. They will learn how to construct a simple series circuit, about electrical safety, how to identify conductors and insulators and will understand that a switch opens and closes a circuit.
History/ Geography	This term we will be studying the ' UK '. We will be learning about the human and physical features of Great Britain, such as population, life expectancy, tallest mountains, longest rivers, coastlines and much more.
Art/Design & Technology	This term will be food technology. We will be learning about a local 'UK' dish and learning how to prepare it.
P.E.	Birch will have PE on a Monday 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 .
Music	LKS2 will have weekly ukulele lessons delivered by our peripatetic teacher Mr Thorpe.
Computing	Our topic this half term is: We are makers Coding for micro: bit . In this unit, pupils create their own animation in Scratch. In: <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	Our weekly Spanish lessons will resume in 2022.
R.E.	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.S.H.E. & Citizenship	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'.
Homework	Each Friday your child will be set literacy and numeracy tasks. These must be returned the following Tuesday. Children should continue to learn their times tables , which will be tested on a regular basis. 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 their weekly spellings which will be sent home every week and tested the following week. All children have been assigned logins for TTRS, Mathletics, First News and Bug Club.
Anti-bullying week (15.11.21-19.11.21)	Anti-bullying week will take place across the school in the week beginning the 15th 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 29th November children should wear odd socks and bring in a donation of £1.
Christmas	Our whole school performance will take place on Thursday 9 th December 2021 at St Catherine's Church, Pepys Road, London, SE14 5SG. The finalised arrangements will be confirmed in due course.
Birthdays	The pupils in Birch Class can wear their own clothes on their birthday or their own PE kit if it is a PE day. The pupils are also permitted to share wrapped lollipops/ sweets and small toys with the entire class, if they wish to. Please note that Birch Class currently has 23 pupils.
Key Dates	Monday 1st – Friday 5th November 2021 – UK Parliament Week Friday 5th November 2021 – Flu immunisations Reception to Year 6 Thursday 11th November 2021 – Remembrance Day Thursday 11th November 2021 – Open Day for new Reception parents Friday 12th November 2021 – Black History Month assembly Week beginning Monday 15th November 2021 – Anti-bullying week Monday 15th November 2021 – Year 6 Booster sessions to begin. Friday 19th November 2021 – Odd Socks Day! Wear odd socks to stand up to bullying for a £1 donation. Educational visit- To be confirmed Week beginning 29th November 2021 – Assessment week Thursday 9th December 2021 – Christmas Performance (arrangements TBC) Friday 10th December 2021 – Christmas lunch and winter jumper day! £1.00 donation for winter jumper day Wednesday 15th December 2021 – Christmas Coffee Morning and cake sale. Please note that all cake sale and coffee morning donations would be appreciated

	<p>Thursday 16th December 2021 – Christmas raffle Friday 17th December 2021 – Last day of term. School finishes at 2pm. There will be no after school club.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">School will resume on: Wednesday 5th January 2022.</p>
<i>Additional Information</i>	<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>