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Building a foundation for love and learning

## Autumn Termly Overview

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find below a summary of what we will be learning this term in Holly Class.

Our aims for this term:

- To establish routines in the class
- To grow in our independence and resilience as we learn and encounter new things
- To have a happy start to the new school year!



Here is what we will learn in each subject:

Writing	Year 1 will look at crafting simple sentences focusing on letter formation, full stops, finger spaces and capital letters. In Year 2 we will be looking at the poem <i>Firework Night</i> focusing on the shape and patterns of the poem. We will use adjectives and onomatopoeia to write lines for our own poems. We will also build up to some independent work, writing setting descriptions.
Reading	We will read a range of stories in class together. We will also practice our reading skills reading texts that match our reading level both in small groups and one to one.
Mathematics	Beginning with place value, we will then move on to addition and subtraction within 100 building up to adding and subtracting two-digit numbers (across a 10). We will also explore 2D and 3D shapes focusing on faces, vertices and lines of symmetry.
Science	We will learn all about the human body and its parts. We will also identify our five senses and what their purpose is. We will then explore animals, identifying groups of animals and their common characteristics.
History	Answering the question, 'How am I Making History?' we will be thinking about our own personal chronology looking at photographs from our childhood. We will use key vocabulary to compare the present, the past and possible changes in the future.
Geography	We will answer the question: 'What is it like here?' To do this, we will locate the UK on an atlas and begin to recognise local landmarks on aerial

	photographs. We will then focus on our own school, our classroom and our school playground and bring all our learning together by drawing simple maps.
Music	Our music focus for this term will be pulse and rhythm with an overarching theme of: All About Me as we start a new year.
Art	We will explore how artists use tone and texture and apply these techniques in observational drawings. We will then develop our own drawing skills.
DT	In DT we will be constructing windmills to meet a design criteria.
RE	We will be exploring the question 'Who is a Muslim and how do they live?'.
Computing	We will learn how computer systems and networks work, focusing on technology around us. We will also practice logging in and logging off.
RSHE	Before half-term, we will learn about how to be a good friend and our school rules about bullying. After half-term, we will learn about valuing and celebrating differences.
PE	With Miss Christopher on Tuesdays, we will learn the rules of outdoor games and develop our skills in them. On Thursdays, we will do forest school until October half term.

Additional information	
PE:	Children in Holly class will have PE on Tuesdays. Please make sure that they come to school in their PE kit. If your child wears earrings, please make sure they know how to take them out. Studs may be worn but they will be taped over. Forest school will take place on Thursday afternoons until October half term.
<b>Water bottles:</b>	Please make sure that your child brings a water bottle to school every day - especially on PE days.
<b>Coats/hats:</b>	Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the changes in the UK weather! Applying sun cream at home and popping a hat in their bag for those warmer days and also sending a raincoat just in case ensures that they are set for any weather.
<b>Staffing:</b>	Mrs Stephens covers PPA in Holly every Wednesday afternoon. Mrs Stephens (TA) is in Monday - Friday (am)
<b>Homework expectations:</b>	Spelling rules will be taught on Mondays with spelling tests taking place the following Monday morning. A spelling sheet will go home for your child to practice. Alternatively, they can practice their spellings on spelling shed - the games will match the spelling rule for each week.
	Reading at home - we recognise that this is sometimes hard to fit in with busy home lives. However, reading a little and often will make a huge difference to your child's progress. Please aim to listen to your child read daily. They don't need to read the whole book each time. A couple of pages is fab. Please also record this in their reading record, date and sign it. Your child will receive two books that match their reading level these will be changed every Monday.

Thank you for your support.

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