

Our Wonderful World



Welcome back to school after the summer holidays! ♥
We are so excited for a new, fun year in Holly class!

The whole school will be starting the new school year with a special topic called 'Standing up for what is Right'. In Holly class, we will begin by thinking about our class community and what things we can do to help each other and make things fair. We will be finding out about some special historical figures and thinking about the things they did in the past to stand up for other people and what they thought was



In Maths lessons this half term, we are going to check what we have remembered from last year, before we start looking at some place value. We will be learning about the tens and ones in a 2-digit number and making sure we are really good at using a ten-frame to support us with this. We will use lots of practical equipment like dienes and numicon to help us. We will then move on to looking at the four main operations we use in Key Stage 1 - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

How high can you count from 0? What methods can we use to add and subtract?

In English, we will spend the first couple of weeks revising our writing skills from last year, and we will restart our daily 'Read, Write, Inc.' phonics lessons. We are also going to start some exciting new English lessons, where we practise a range of reading, writing and grammar skills. We begin by working on our sentence building skills, planning a sentence, remembering it to write down, and checking to make sure we have used all our correct punctuation - capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

What do you think we need for a super sentence? Can you remember what type of word an adjective is?



In Science, we are going to be learning about materials. We will try to identify some different materials, learn their names, and describe them using their properties. We will look at what materials are used for different objects before comparing their suitability. We will use this learning to carry out an investigation to make a raincoat for our class teddy, Ronnie Raccoon, and also help Miss Rogers design a new mug to keep tea hot! What materials do you already know? Is cardboard a good material to use to make an umbrella?



In Art, we are going to be learning all about the French artist, Paul Cézanne. We will find out about his life, before studying his paintings and discussing what we like or don't like about them. We will practise our sketching and paint mixing skills before attempting our own landscape paintings in Cézanne's style.

Do you know any other famous artists? What are some warm or cool colours?



In Geography, we are going to be learning about the wonders of the world! We will be learning the names of the continents and oceans to help us use the maps and atlases to locate the different wonders of the world, and studying some major rivers and mountains of the world. We will also be thinking about the difference between human-made features and physical or natural features.

Can you find out which wonders of the world we might be looking at? Do you know which is the highest mountain in the world?



In History, we will be starting with a whole-school topic - standing up for what is right. We will be thinking about what this tricky phrase means, and thinking about ways to stand up for ourselves and others. We will be finding out about special historical figures Rosa Parks, Nelson Mandela and Emily Davison, finding out what brave things they did to try and make things right.

Have you ever heard these names before? How do you think you could help somebody else?

Please come and see us if you have any questions or would like to know more about our learning this half term! 😊

In PE, we are going to be dancing! We are going to be thinking about our coordination and creativity. We will learn to apply air patterns, jumps and shapes into dance phrases. We will look at other elements of dance, such as tempo, space and movement, working towards some group dances based on fireworks.

What shapes can you make with your body? What kind of dancing do you like?

In PSHCE, our topic will be 'Being Me in My World'. We will think about what we are good at and how to help other people feel welcome as we start a new class together, as well as how we can make our school and class community a better place. We will discuss how we can respect other people's feelings and work well with a range of people.

What makes you special? What do you feel you are good at?

In RE, we are going to be about what it means to belong to a community, including a religious community. We will learn what we might see in a religious building, and what people do when they go there. We will begin to understand that there are similarities and differences between places of worship, within and between faith communities. We will learn that places of worship are sacred places for the people who go there

Do you know of any special religious buildings? How do you think it feels to be part of a religious community?

