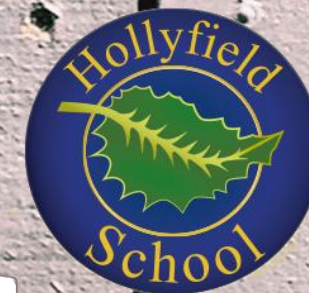


Year 1 Summer Term



English

In our English lessons, we will dive into exciting non-fiction texts - our favourite is all about sharks! We'll even explore letter writing through the delightful story *Dear Greenpeace*.

As we work through these units, we'll continue to build our reading and writing skills—practising spelling with taught graphemes, writing full sentences using capital letters, full stops and exclamation marks. We will also learn how to use plural nouns by adding the suffixes '-s' and '-es'.

Year 1 are reading...



We will continue to have our Reading Practice sessions where we will be reading a wide variety of texts and developing fluency, pace and stamina. We will be developing our retrieval and inference skills as well as using expressive voices when reading aloud. Our author focus this term is Simon James. We will be sharing some of his amazing stories such as 'Sally and the Limpet', 'Dear Green Peace' and 'Mr Scruff'. Our class chapter book this term is from the 'Mirabelle' series.

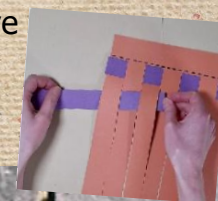
Maths

In Maths, we will continue to build our understanding of division by learning how to group objects and share them equally. We'll then begin exploring fractions, focusing on finding halves and quarters of both shapes and groups of objects. We will also deepen our knowledge of numbers up to 100 by practising finding one more and one less, and using a 100 square to help add and subtract with confidence.



Art

Our new 'Woven Wonders' unit focuses on developing our ability to express opinions about art, use creative techniques like wool wrapping and weaving, and understand the work of artists like Cecilia Vicuña. It emphasises skills such as measuring, choosing materials and resilience in artistic creation, catering to our creative development.



Science

We will begin our new unit 'Plants'. We will explore our surroundings in order to investigate and find answers to questions that relate to wild plants, garden plants, evergreen trees and deciduous trees. We will learn the names of common plants and trees such as sycamore, oak and willow. We will become 'plant detectives' and go in search of the different species of plants around our local environment. We will plant our own beans and observe their growth across the term before taking them home to care for. Who will grow the tallest plant?

Homework

Spellings will continue to be sent home every Friday, with an informal spelling 'test' at the end of each half term.

Please listen to your child read at least three times a week. They should feel confident 'showing off' their school reading book, as they will have already read it three times in class.

Reading folders must be handed in every Wednesday

History

In our new history unit '*Explorers*', we will learn what explorers do and why they are important. We'll find out what equipment and transport they need, such as maps, compasses, warm clothes, and ships. We'll explore the journeys of famous explorers like Christopher Columbus, Dame Ellen MacArthur, Matthew Henson and Mary Kingsley, and learn about their achievements.



In geography we will begin our unit on 'Shanghai' and look at how this location is both different and similar to our own. We will learn about human and physical features of Sutton Coldfield and those in Shanghai. We will begin to learn and locate the world's 7 continents and begin to develop our confidence in using maps and atlases.

DT

In design technology, we will learn how to sew simple stitches using a needle and thread to create a hand puppet. We will learn how to join fabrics together in different ways. We will design and make a character-based hand puppet using the best joining technique. It will be a super fun project.!



Music



In music, we will begin our glockenspiel unit by learning what a glockenspiel is, how it's made, and the different parts that make it work. We'll explore how to change the pitch, find notes, and start playing simple tunes. As we progress, we'll learn to play three popular children's songs and work towards performing them for an audience.

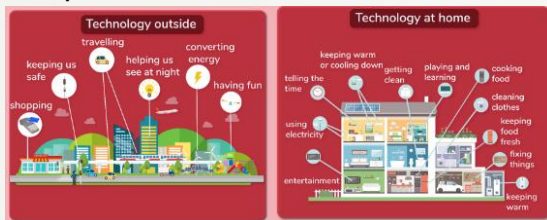
PSHE & RE

In RE, we will explore the importance of being honest, open and truthful. We will also consider how taking time to reflect can help us grow.

In PSHE, we will learn who we can talk to when we need help. We'll also learn about different parts of our bodies, what they do, and how we have changed since we were toddlers.

Computing

In computing, we will be exploring the 'Technology Around Us' unit. This includes learning what technology is, how it helps make our lives easier, and identifying different types of technology we see in the world around us. We'll also continue to build our E-safety skills by discussing how to stay safe and happy online and what to do if we ever need help.



PE

In PE, we will begin our athletics unit, focusing on key skills such as running at different speeds, changing direction, jumping and throwing. Throughout our activities, we'll work both independently and as a team—measuring our performances and challenging ourselves to improve our own scores as well as encouraging others.

We'll also be getting ready for Sports Day, which will include exciting races and team events!

