

Welcome to Holly Class and welcome back to the year 1 children who have stayed with us. Set out below is some information to show what we will be up to over the coming school year.

PE is on Tuesday mornings and Thursday mornings. Initially we will be doing PE in the hall but it is worth children having trainers if they want to go on the field at lunchtime.

In addition the children will be working outdoors as much as possible as a class and with the whole key stage on Wednesday afternoons. It would therefore be very useful if they would have wellington boots and rain macs available at all times.

Please also ensure aprons are available on their pegs at all times as Art and DT take place throughout the week.

**Homework – Pick and Mix books**

All children will be given a homework sheet for their homework to be completed in the Pick and Mix books. The children have a choice of work and are asked to complete a number of pieces each half term (this number changes depending on the age of the children.) Please read the guidelines on the inside front cover on how to present the homework.

Please encourage your child to read as often as possible in addition to this homework. Please ensure the children bring their reading books and reading record books to school every day as we will be reading with the children regularly.

<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Fri</b>
Please bring <b>Pick and Mix Book</b> in for marking each week	PE am Games/Gymnastics	Outdoor activities PM	PE am Dance/Drama	

The next table shows what we will be studying this year to help you be prepared or find things that your child would like to bring to school to contribute to lessons.

<b>Autumn</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer</b>
<b>Topic</b> Castles and Courts	<b>Topic</b> Explorers and Inventors	<b>Topic</b> Mini Beasts and Mega Beasts
<b>Science</b> Everyday materials Seasonal changes	<b>Science</b> Pets Weather	<b>Science</b> Animals and Ourselves Plants/Growing
<b>Geography and History</b> Stuarts Fire of London	<b>Geography and History</b> Columbus Scott	<b>Geography and History</b>
<b>RE</b> <b>God</b> Why is the word "God" so important to Christians?  <b>Incarnation</b> Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?	<b>RE</b> <b>Salvation</b> Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden?	<b>RE</b> <b>Sikh Family life and Sikh stories and symbols</b>

I teach every day apart from Wednesday morning when I have PPA time and Mrs Watson covers the class. Mrs Elkington works with me on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Watson works with me on Thursday and Friday as well as covering the class on Wednesday morning. Please feel free to speak to us if you require any further clarification about how life in Holly Class works.

Thank you  
Mrs Swallow