



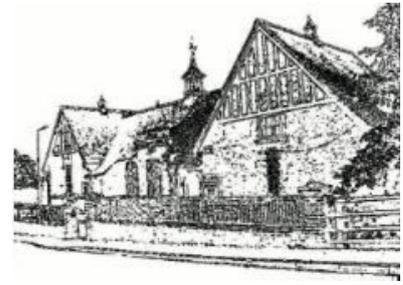
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back from the Summer Holidays to an exciting term ahead.

Curriculum Information

We have already made a start to our main topic for the first half of the autumn term: Dragon adventurers. Please keep an eye out around the school as one of our class dragons hatched over the summer and we can't seem to find it! This topic will be supported by learning in topics across the curriculum:

- Science - we will be looking at what humans need to survive on an adventure and how animals are adapted to live in extreme conditions.
- Geography - the children will be exploring the world, looking at the wildlife and landscapes of different dragon habitats!
- Computing - we will be learning how to compose and send an email to our very own dragon expert.
- Reading - We will explore dragon poetry in guided reading, looking carefully at the impressive vocabulary that's been used.
- Art and design technology - we will be sketching in our adventures log to show what wonders we have found on our adventures.
- RE - We will be learning about Diwali and how it is celebrated across the globe.
- Music - We will be appraising different styles of music and learning to listen to each other when singing.
- PSHE - We will focus on improving our understanding of others and what makes a good friend.
- PE - We'll be developing our throwing, catching and coordination skills in tennis games.
- British Values - the four areas of this subject (democracy, rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths) will thread through all of the above subjects where children will apply democratic skills and respect when working together and in particular learning about and taking part in Diwali customs.

In English our work will also centre around our main topic. This term we will be creating our own dragon adventure stories, using life cycles to teach others about dragons and emailing our questions to a dragon expert.

While writing narratives, non-fiction and poetry, we will cover:

- Expanded noun phrases
- Controlling sentences using capital letters and full stops.
- A range of punctuation including . ? ! and commas in a list.
- Past and present forms of verbs.
- Sentence types (statements, questions, exclamations and commands).



In maths we will start the year by focusing on areas of number including place value, addition and subtraction. This year we will also have special maths problem solving lessons on a Friday to help develop strong number sense and problem solving abilities. This term we will be making time to teach a variety of strategy games which have been proven to improve children's ability to tackle number problems. These games also allow the children to practice taking turns, fair play and our 7 rainbow skills:

Perseverance, self-control, understanding others, enthusiasm, curiosity, gratitude and optimism

These will also be accessible during wet play and reward times. If you have any of the following unwanted games, we would be extremely grateful for any donations:

Connect 4, Cards, Happy Families, Uno, Draughts, Rummikub, Battleships, Blockus

Reading

Your child will read regularly throughout the school week. The person that hears them read could be a teacher, learning support assistant, governor or volunteer. In addition to this the children will participate in a class guided reading session daily. At AHS we believe that reading at home, with the support of a parent, is the most essential part of learning to read and becoming a passionate reader. We ask that you sign their reading record when you hear your child read at home and comment as you wish. Thank you in advance for the support that I know you'll give throughout the year. The reading records can also be used to pass on messages and information.

Homework

Projects and homework books will be collected in every Tuesday. The homework given will support our topic: developing understanding, context and enthusiasm. Children may choose their own homework task each week from the list provided at the start of each half term. You can also find this list on Holly Class webpage. Alongside this, Holly Class will have weekly spellings and times tables to practice for a Friday. Look in the front and back of the spelling books to find the best way for your child to learn their spellings. Feel free to come and speak to me about how spellings and X tables will work if you are unsure. Any homework that you might normally submit via memory stick or electronically can now be sent to our class e-mail- holly@asfordbyhill.leics.sch.uk or via the office email.

PE

During the autumn term Holly Class will have PE on a Thursday afternoon, but please make sure your child has a PE kit in school **all week**. A letter will be sent home if PE kits are not in school, as it is an essential part of the curriculum. For any children with earrings, please make sure children are able to remove them for PE or that they arrive at school with them removed already.

As you can imagine we are very busy in the classroom. If you (or any family member) would like to offer help or skill to the children in Holly, you will be welcomed. It would be fantastic for parents to come in and read during reading time or help with art, design or cooking activities. If you have time available and could help it would be much appreciated, please let me know as it would be lovely to get to know you better.

Finally, I will be holding a year 2 open evening on Tuesday 10th September at 5pm. Please come along to find out more about the support that can be given at home (reading, spelling, times tables), meet the teacher and ask any questions you may have about the year ahead. I will do my best to answer them.

Looking forward to the exciting year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Amps and the Holly Class team (Mrs Davison, Mrs Griffin, Mrs Jeffrey)