



# STJB Holly Class

## The Commonwealth

Summer 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another summer term starts and another exciting topic lays ahead. Key Stage 2 are studying the Commonwealth, with Holly class focussing on Kenya. We will be looking at the geography and history of this country and how it compares to Great Britain.

In English, during the first half of the term, we will be writing poetry and then newspaper reports based on the class reader. The second half of term continues with discursive balanced arguments and persuasive writing.

During this term, the children in Year 5 of Holly and Oak class will complete a long term homework project on another country of the Commonwealth—more details to follow. This will be optional for Year 4 children.

In Maths, we will learn about fractions and decimals, percentages, converting units of time, shape and space and lastly, statistics (tables, graphs & charts). The Maths Planet challenges will continue to be a major part of supporting the children's mental strategies and we will be applying these to more formal arithmetic and problem solving activities.

Our Science, taught in year groups, will be about Animals, including Humans for Year 4 and Earth and Space and then Forces for Year 5. They will be consolidating how to plan and carry out investigations.

In Computing, the children will be continuing to develop their understanding of Microsoft programs, including Word, PowerPoint and Publisher.

**Homework: Spelling**—Children will continue to have new spellings every week. They have tasks for each midweek day to be written in their homework book. This is also on the school website. Please check and sign your child's spelling work each evening.

**Reading**— the children are expected to read (with an adult wherever possible) 5 times a week. Please sign and make comments in their yellow reading record book to acknowledge that this has been completed.

**Maths Planets challenge**—The children will be expected to learn their Planet Challenge number bonds or multiplication tables ready for a weekly assessment.

In our Open Futures sessions this half term, Holly class will be taking part in Philosophy for Children (P4C) with Mrs Stoner based around diversity and equality. Next half term, Mrs Pollard will looking at 'Our World' with more environmental issues.

During PE, the children will extend their country and maypole dancing talents in preparation for the 'Revels' in June. The second half of term will focus on athletic skills and striking and fielding activities.

**The children should have their full P.E. kit in at all times, but always on Tuesdays and Wednesdays .**

In R.E. the children for the first half of term, will be looking at 'When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost? They will then study an aspect of Islam in the latter part of the summer term.

French, taught by Mrs Stoner, will continue to be taught on Wednesdays to Year 5, while Year 4 will discuss their strengths, stereotypes and how media images can be manipulated to portray certain messages. Singing in music will take place in the second half of term.

In Art, we will look at Kenyan artists, where the children will consider the techniques, colours and symbolism that they have used and replicate this in their own printed work. The children will continue to work in Talk Partners to improve their independence and collaboration skills.

This is just an outline of the work Holly Class will be exploring this term.

I hope the children enjoy the above curriculum, which provides the vehicle for learning skills, knowledge and concepts. If you have any questions or queries about anything that would further help your child, then please either email me using the school office address or make an appointment before or after school so we can talk together. Thank you Mr. John Cumming