

Important dates and Celebrations:

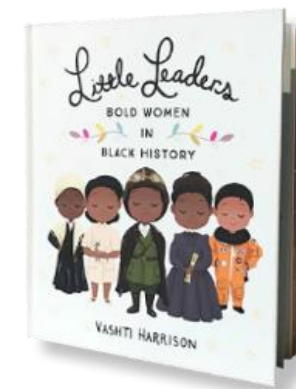
Chinese New Year – 12th February 2021

Half term- 15th – 19th February 2021

Children return to school on Monday 22nd February 2021.

Shrove Tuesday – 16th February 2021

Ash Wednesday – 17th February 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a restful break! Although the new term is different to what we may have had in mind, it has been a pleasure seeing your children in school and remotely.

As the new Holly Tree teacher, I am looking forward to getting to know all your children and you in the coming months. We are working hard to ensure that all children are receiving the same level of education as they normally would and I would like to thank you for your support and understanding in these challenging times.

Despite the changes, the children have been brilliant showing their enthusiasm for learning whilst keeping safe. Finally, I have hope and pray for better days so that we can have a better introduction. Until they do, please remain safe and get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Kindest,
Miss Olusanya



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Maths

This half term we are focusing on multiplication and division focusing on 2s, 5s and 10s. Children will be exploring the concept behind these operations and representing problems using bar models, part whole models and as groups of objects.

Reading

We will explore the stories of a variety of authors and examine how their use of language makes great storytellers. There will be a particular focus on accuracy of spelling, punctuation and conjunctions. Children will be encouraged to use a range of vocabulary and use their reading to develop and influence their writing.

Science

We are currently looking at women who change the world through women scientists both today and in history. We are exploring how Mae Jemison changed the world by becoming the first black woman to travel into space as well as looking into the different fields of science to inspire us for a career in Science. We will explore the

This half term in Year 2...

Writing

We continue to use our writing skills to become more efficient writers. We are using the past tense to write recounts and continue to use time connectives in our writing ensuring that we use chronological order when retelling and sequencing stories.

PE

The daily physical challenges set for remote learning will help keep children active every day. In school, in an 'Invasion Games' unit, children will further develop their understanding of the basic and fundamental principles of invasion games such as attacking, defending, scoring and teamwork. They will also recognise effective ways to find space and get away from an opponent.

History and Geography

We will learn about people who have changed the world throughout history. We will learn about the first black astronaut, Mae Jemison and the British astronaut Tim Peake. We will be learning about Diane Abbot and her importance in Britain.

Art

We are studying the lives of inspirational women who have made a difference. The life and work of Frida Kahlo will be our focus and children will create their own self-portrait in the style of Frida Kahlo.

Music

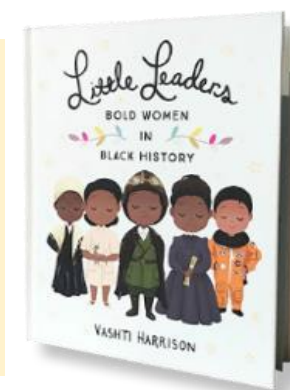
This half term Year 2 are going to be songwriters! They will be using well known songs as the basis for a song of their very own. They will be developing their writing skills as well as their musical understanding.

Religious Education

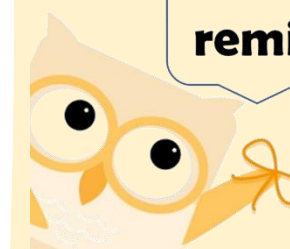
This term we focus on Judaism and the different celebrations within their faith. We will look at who Rosh Hashanah is and their importance to Jewish people. We will also look at the festival of Sukkot and Hanukkah.

We are reading:

Little Leaders, Bold Women in Black History.



Just a reminder...



Can you please check your child's clothes regularly to ensure they are labelled so they are easily identifiable.

Please ensure that your child is wearing their P.E. kit on **Monday** for their lesson in school.