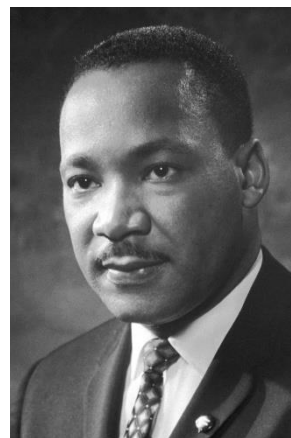


## Important dates and Celebrations:

Wednesday	<b>5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Twelfth Night	
Thursday	<b>6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Epiphany	
Friday	<b>7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Orthodox Christmas Day	
Wednesday	<b>12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Live St Johns Church Service	
Friday	<b>14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Orthodox New Year	
Saturday	<b>15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Martin Luther King Jr birthday	
Sunday	<b>16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	World Religion Day	
Monday	<b>17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Tu B'Shevat (Arbor Day)	Jewish holiday
		Martin Luther King Jr Day	
Tuesday	<b>25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Burns Night	Scottish local observance
Thursday	<b>27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Holocaust Memorial Day	
Friday	<b>28<sup>th</sup> January – 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	National Storytelling Week	
Tuesday	<b>1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Chinese New Year	
Thursday	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	UNICEF Day for Change	
Monday	<b>7<sup>th</sup> February – 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Children's Mental Health Week	
Tuesday	<b>8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Safer Internet Day	
Monday	<b>14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Valentine's Day	
Thursday	<b>18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Random Acts of Kindness Day	



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break. It has been lovely to welcome Holly Tree Class back to school for Spring term.

This term our unit is called 'World Changers' and we will look at people who have done remarkable things in their lives and made real differences in science, politics and art.

As always, if you have any questions please ask.

Yours Sincerely,  
Miss Iscan



**Spring 1 2022**

## 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

In addition to daily phonics lessons, children will have an opportunity for targeted reading lessons to practice their segmenting, blending, fluency and comprehension skills during our reading lessons with the programme Read Write Inc. To support your child at home, you should hear them read for 20 minutes daily and discuss the story.

## Science

We are currently looking at women who changed 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 learn about forces, space and the life of an astronaut.

## Music

Year 2 will be spending time studying the well known classical song Bolero by Maurice Ravel. They will have a go at composing their own song in a classical style.

## Writing

Our writing will be based on books linked to our 'World Changers' unit. We will retell the life events of important change makers like Maya Angelou, Mae Jemison and Katherine Johnson. This half term, we will focus on planning our stories independently. Our grammar focus will be using suffixes and conjunctions.

# This half term in Year 2...

## History and Geography

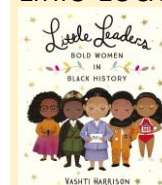
The focus in this topic is on using historical skills to uncover the stories of key historical figures. In practice this will mean research, using sources and describing key events in an individual's life. We will look at the astronauts such as Mae Jemison. We will also look at the lives of Diane Abbott and Maya Angelou to discover why these people are considered world changers.

## Religious Education

Our big question is 'Why are they having a party?'. We will be learning about the different religious festivals Jews celebrate and why. We will look compare Jewish festivals like Sukkot to Christian festivals like Harvest.

## We are reading:

Little Leaders, Bold Women in Black History.



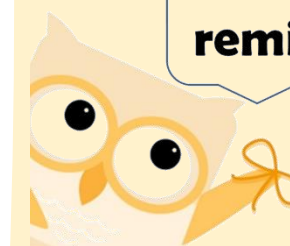
## Art

We will be evaluating the work of Frida Kahlo. We will be learning how to mix colours and use shade to add detail to paintings. Our final pieces will be a self-portrait.

## Computing

We will continue to use iPads to develop our research skills when looking at historical figures. We will also learn more about how to stay safe on the internet. To finish the half term we will create a presentation on the research we have conducted.

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 **Friday** for their lesson.