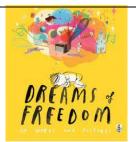


Whole School Start Of Year Project





Learning Project – Dreams Of Freedom

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Autumn term. For the first two weeks back at school, we will be operating a whole school project. The purpose of this is to settle the children back at school happily into their new classes and for the teachers to get to know the children before they begin their year group curriculum. Music, PE and Spanish will continue as normal. After our Inset day on 20th September, you will receive the usual curriculum letter for what each year group will be learning for the rest of the term.

DREAMS OF FREEDOM: In words & pictures.

Dreams of Freedom combines the words of human rights heroes such as Nelson Mandela, the Dalai Lama, Anne Frank, Chief Standing Bear and Malala Yousafzai with beautiful illustrations from international artists including Oliver Jeffers and Chris Riddell. The book aims to empower children to explore the idea of freedom, build empathy and develop their knowledge and understanding of human rights. Award-winning author Michael Morpurgo writes in the foreword: 'Dreams of Freedom is a feast of visual stories – brave words and beautiful pictures, woven together to inspire young readers to stand up for others and to make a difference.'

Picture books empower young readers to chart their own course through a story, to explore, pause, examine detail, question, flick back and forth, reread. The interplay of pictures and words makes abstract ideas and complex issues accessible, even to very young children. Looking at the world from different viewpoints nurtures understanding. Great picture books show children how to stand up for themselves and others, the essence of human rights. Teachers may use lots of the book or choose a couple of the quotations to build their block of work around. Learning may be based around – Freedom to learn, Freedom to dream, Freedom to have a home, Freedom to have your own ideas, Freedom from fear, Freedom from slavery, Freedom to be a child, Freedom to enjoy life and liberty, Freedom to be yourself.

Every child in the school will make a kite that will hang in the school. Kites celebrate the fact that human rights are universal; they belong to all of us. Kites are often a symbol of hope and freedom, flying high.

This book links so well with our work on rights at Holly Park as we are a Rights Respecting Silver Award school.



Key Dates		Other Information
Y1 Meet the Teacher – 6 th September	Y3 workshop – 10 th November	PE Kit needs to be worn on PE days
Y4 Meet the teacher – 7 th September	Y5 workshop – 12 th November	Book bags need to come to school
Y6 Meet the teacher – 8 th September	Y4 workshop – 16 th November	every day
Y3 meet the teacher – 9 th September	International Charity – UNICEF – 19th	, ,
Y2 Meet the teacher – 10 th September	November	
Y5 Meet the teacher – 15 th September	Y4 Cake Sale – 19 th November	
Meeting for nursery & Reception parents about	Parent consultations KS1 – 24 th November	
the curriculum - 22 nd September	Parent Consultations KS1 & KS2 – 25th	
Y6 Cake sale – 24 th September	November	
Phonics meeting for Reception parents – 1 st	Christmas Lunch – 8 th December	
October	Upper KS2 parties – 10 th December	
Y6 School Journey Meeting – 5 th October	Y3 Nativity 2.30pm – 13 th December	
Y5 Cake sale – 15 th October	EYFS parties – 14 th December	
Junior Quiz – 19 th October	Y3 Nativity 6.30pm – 14 th December	
Harvest Festival – 20 th October	Lower KS2 parties – 15th December	
House Challenge – 22 nd October	KS1 parties – 15 th December	
Y5 School Journey Meeting – 9th November	Final day of term – 17 th December at 1.30pm	