



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

Y1 Meet the Teacher – 6th September
 Y4 Meet the teacher – 7th September
 Y6 Meet the teacher – 8th September
 Y3 meet the teacher – 9th September
 Y2 Meet the teacher – 10th September
 Y5 Meet the teacher – 15th September
 Meeting for nursery & Reception parents about the curriculum - 22nd September
 Y6 Cake sale – 24th September
 Phonics meeting for Reception parents – 1st October
 Y6 School Journey Meeting – 5th October
 Y5 Cake sale – 15th October
 Junior Quiz – 19th October
 Harvest Festival – 20th October
 House Challenge – 22nd October
 Y5 School Journey Meeting – 9th November

Y3 workshop – 10th November
 Y5 workshop – 12th November
 Y4 workshop – 16th November
 International Charity – UNICEF – 19th November
 Y4 Cake Sale – 19th November
 Parent consultations KS1 – 24th November
 Parent Consultations KS1 & KS2 – 25th November
 Christmas Lunch – 8th December
 Upper KS2 parties – 10th December
 Y3 Nativity 2.30pm – 13th December
 EYFS parties – 14th December
 Y3 Nativity 6.30pm – 14th December
 Lower KS2 parties – 15th December
 KS1 parties – 15th December
 Final day of term – 17th December at 1.30pm

Other Information

PE Kit needs to be worn on PE days
 Book bags need to come to school every day