



## Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

### Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term - 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

#### English

This term Year 6 will be covering a variety of genres including: explanations, discursive texts, podcasts, suspense stories and finishing the year by writing their own thriller. There will be a clear focus on the skills of drafting and editing in preparation for secondary school.

Year 6 will continue to develop their knowledge of different forms of punctuation and grammatical terms and how these can be used to improve their writing.



#### Mathematics

The children will continue to follow the Maths No Problem scheme. This scheme is based on the highly effective, research based Singapore method of teaching mathematics.

Lessons and activities are taught using a problem-solving approach to encourage the development of higher-level thinking. Ample time is spent on topics in order to deepen understanding and master concepts. New concepts are initially learned using concrete examples before moving on to pictorial representations and finally abstract symbols. The focus of the series is on teaching to mastery.

Parents can help by supporting homework, the memorising of glossaries, the learning of times tables and other number bonds.



#### Topic

Year 6 will be covering the topics 'Gallery Rebels' and 'Tomorrow's World'.

Colours collide, melting together on the canvas: an impression of light, a rage of red, a lobster perched in a telephone... Come and find out about the bizarre and eccentric minds of the gallery rebels!

Text messages, emails, websites, blogs and podcasts - there are so many ways to communicate! The children will discover the movers and shakers in the world of technology - the people who have shaped the modern world. Where will it end? Let's start today on tomor-



## Religious Education

Year 6 will be continuing to follow the Jigsaw Discovery Scheme for RE and the focus this term will be on 'Beliefs and Moral Values'.



## Personal, Social and Health Education

This term Year 6 will be covering the topics 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me'. The focus will be on preparation for secondary school.



## Physical Education

Year 6 have PE on Wednesdays and Thursdays, where they will be participating in team building exercises, and competitive team sports.

It would be helpful if Year 6 had their PE kit, including trainers, with them every day.

Homework - for details please see your child's planner.

Year 6 are expected to complete 1 hour of homework every night.

This is made up of:

- 30 minutes reading
- 30 minutes spent on:
  - Any written homework set
  - Learning times tables
  - Practising mental maths skills
  - Learning glossaries
  - Reading through their study books



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Please encourage your child to read every night. Try to listen to your child reading aloud at least three times per week and record this in their planner.

All Mental Maths practice completed should be recorded in your child's planner

Written English homework is sent home each **Monday** to be returned on **Wednesday**.

Written Science homework is sent home each **Wednesday** to be returned on **Friday**.

Written maths homework is sent home each **Friday** to be returned on **Monday**.

Online support with revision for SATs can be found at:

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2)

[www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk](http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk)