



## Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

### Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term - 2018

Dear Parents,

#### English

This term Year 2 will be covering a variety of both fiction and non-fiction genres including explanation texts, narrative writing and poems. We will be looking at these through a wide variety of texts including *Sister for Sale* and

*Journey to the Deep*. There will be a clear focus on the presentation of the children's work and developing a clear cursive style of handwriting.

Year 2 will also continue to develop their knowledge of phonics, different forms of punctuation and grammatical terms and how these can be used to improve their writing.



#### Mathematics



Lessons and activities in Maths 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.

In Year 2 the children will develop their knowledge and problem solving skills in place value of numbers, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division of 2, 5 and 10.

#### Topic

In Geography the children will learn about their Local Area. The children will locate their local area on maps and see it's location in relation to the country and the world. They will also look at aerial maps and locate familiar places on these.

In History Year 2 will be learning about the lives and achievements of Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. They will learn why their achievements are important to the world.

#### Science

Year 2 will be covering the topics of 'Living Things' and 'Materials'. Each topic will involve high-levels of practical work and experimentation to develop the children's ability to use the subject specific vocabulary and to think scientifically.

#### Art and Design

Year 2 will be covering 'Self Portraits' where they will be drawing detailed images of themselves through a variety of mediums and 'Designing and Making Boats' using a variety of materials.

## Religious Education

At Holdbrook the children will learn about different faiths and important days and celebrations in these faiths. This will be delivered through weekly RE sessions using our new RE scheme.

## Personal, Social and Health Education

The Jigsaw pieces for this term are called ' Being Me in My World ' and ' Celebrating Difference '.



## Physical Education

Year 2 have PE on Thursdays , where they will be participating in team building exercises, and competitive team sports.

It would be helpful if Year 2 had their PE kit, including trainers, with them every day.



## Homework

Homework is given out every Friday and should be handed in by the following Tuesday. Your child's homework includes:

- Maths homework
- English homework
- Spelling

You can help by:

Checking your child can spell the words given for homework.

Ensuring your child is read to everyday and you have signed their reading record.

If you have any questions, please speak to me at the door.

Many thanks.

Mrs Gopaul