



Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term - 2019

Dear Parents,

English

This term Year 2 will be covering a variety of both fiction and non-fiction genres including instructions, narrative writing and diary entries. We will be looking at these through a wide variety of texts including Beauty and The Beast and Chatter Box Ben. We will continue to 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 learnt 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 multiplication and division of 2s, 5s and 10s, fractions and money.

Topic

In Geography the children will learn about seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the equator.

In History Year 2 will be learning about the lives and achievements of Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria. They will learn why their achievements are important to our country and compare their lives.

Science

Year 2 will be covering the topics of 'Animals and Their Needs' and 'Habitats'. 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 the topic 'Landscapes' and looking in detail at the landscapes painted by the artist Claude Monet and 'Designing and Making Castles' 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 ' Dreams and Goals ' and ' Healthy Me '



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.

Thank you,

Mrs Gopaul, Mrs Moore and Mrs Watson