



## Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

### Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term - 2019

Dear Parents,

#### English

This term Year 2 will be covering a variety of both fiction and non-fiction genres including fantasy stories, information texts, play scripts and persuasive writing.

We will be looking at these through a wide variety of texts including *Chocolate Planet*, *Little Croc's Purse* and the play script *Oh Gnome!*

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 continue to develop their fluency in the four

operations—addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. As well as pictographs, temperature, time and position and direction.

#### Topic

In Geography the children will learn about the seven continents and oceans as well as recapping the countries which form the United Kingdom.

In History the children will learn about the Great Fire of London and the diaries Samuel Pepys kept about the fire.

#### Science

Year 2 will be covering the topics of 'Materials' and 'Plants'. 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 designing gnome sculptures and studying the artist Henry Moore. They will also choose the right materials to design and construct houses of today and contrast them with houses from the 17th century.

## 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 ' Relationships ' and ' Changing 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.

Many thanks.

Mrs Gopaul

