



## Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

### Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

#### English

This term Year 6 will be covering a variety of genres including autobiography, historical recount and non-chronological reports. Their fiction writing will include a wartime story and a narrative based on myths and legends associated with the Maya. Their learning will include 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



At Holdbrook we have introduced a new maths scheme - Maths No Problem. 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 'A Child's War' and 'Hola Mexico'. 'A Child's War' focuses on the lives of children in the Second World War. The children will be learning about the key events of the war, daily life, evacuation, the life and diary of Anne Frank and many other aspects of this period of British history.



In 'Hola Mexico' the children will be exploring this unique country from its towering temples and stunning geography to its pulsing rhythms and fun-packed festivals. They will also discover the mysterious world of the ancient Maya civilisation.



## Science

Year 6 will be covering the topics of 'Electricity' and 'Heart and Lungs'. 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.

## Religious Education

At Holdbrook we will be introducing the new Hertfordshire Scheme of Work which will be delivered to the children through a number of 'RE' days.

## 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



Please encourage your child to read every night and record this in their planner.

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

Online support with revision for SATs can be found at:

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

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

Parental support with homework would, I'm sure, be appreciated.

