



## Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

### Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term - 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

#### English

This term Year 6 will be covering a variety of both fiction and non-fiction genres including Haiku, Chronological Reports, Instructions, Adventure and Fantasy Stories. 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

In September we introduced a new maths scheme - Maths No Problem. This scheme is based on the highly effective, research based Singapore method of teaching mathematics.

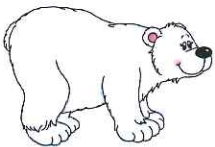


Lessons and activities are taught using a problem-solving approach to encourage the development of higher-level thinking. Ample time is spent on topics in order to deepen understanding and master concepts. New concepts are initially learned using concrete examples before moving on to pictorial representations 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 'Frozen Kingdom' and 'ID'.



The children will be exploring the planet's coldest lands...vast, hostile territories, incredibly beautiful yet often deadly. They will learn about the magnificent mammals that roam these lands and research facts and figures about the climate, temperature and habitats.



Who was it that said: 'I'm just going outside and may be some time...'?

Who do you think you are? Are you an extrovert or an introvert, a singleton, a twin or even a triplet? From your finger prints and footprints, genes and DNA, everything is unique to you. ID will see Year 6 exploring the world of human identity.



#### Science

Year 6 will be covering the topics of 'Classification' and 'Evolution'. 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.

## Personal, Social and Health Education

The Jigsaw pieces for this term are called 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me'.



## 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



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)

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