



Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 1 - 2015

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope everyone had a very good Christmas and New Year. Here is an outline of the curriculum the children will be following in Year 4 during the first half of the Spring term.

English

This half term in English, the children will be focusing on the opening of the stories as well as poetry. These lessons will include the development of grammar, spelling and punctuation skills. There will also be guided reading every morning.



Mathematics

The children will start by looking at fractions and decimal numbers. They will apply the knowledge they learn to different calculations that include addition, subtraction and measures, including time and money. Please encourage your children to learn their times tables as this will support their progress in rapid recall and calculations.



International Primary Curriculum

The theme for this half term is 'Temples, tombs and treasures Ancient Civilisations: Egypt and Sumer' and is a history based unit. The children will learn the different about different cultures in the past. Other areas of the curriculum will be integrated into this unit.



Religious Education



This term we will learn about Sikhism and their beliefs and practices.

Personal, Social and Health Education

This half term the theme is 'going for goals'.



Physical Education



In PE the children will be improving their skills in throwing, catching, agility and balance through a range of team games and activities. This term they will also be starting gymnastics.

In addition to the above, the children will be participating in French lessons.

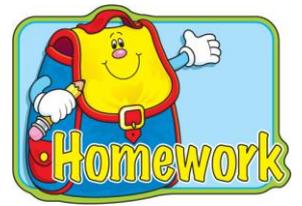
Homework

Each week the children will have a Mathematic and English task to complete that will be linked to what they have learnt that week. In addition they will receive spellings that will be tested the following week.

Homework will be given out on a Friday and needs to be completed by Wednesday. Children should also be continually reading at home and I

would be grateful if you could listen to your child read, and record it in their reading diaries.

The children also have access to Education City and Maths Whizz, which are designed to support their learning and should be used regularly.



If you have any worries or queries, please feel free to come and see me before or after school. If you would like a longer session, we can arrange a time to suit you. Thank you for your help and support this year.

Mr Grogan and the Year 4 Team