



Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 1 - 2015

Dear Parents / Carers

English

- Creative writing will focus on persuasive writing.
- Our class reading book will be *Charlie & The Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl.
- Comprehension will focus on giving clear and specific information to answer questions about a range of texts read in class.
- We will have a big focus on Standard English, which links directly to our work on formal persuasive letters.
- Pupils will be expanding their vocabulary and learning how to choose the best possible adverbs, adjectives and other descriptive phrases to enhance their writing.
- Basic punctuation will be revised, including the use of capital letters for proper nouns. Pupils will be taught how to use commas, dashes and brackets.



Mathematics



- Revision of the basics - mental addition and subtractions to 100 and multiplication facts to 12x12.
- Multiplying and dividing whole numbers and decimals by 10, 100 and 1000 will link into work on measures.
- Written and mental calculations using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division will be applied to problem solving.
- Pupils will be performing calculations with fractions and exploring the link between fractions and decimals.
- They will be converting between units of measurement, e.g. by changing grams into kilograms or minutes into hours.

International Primary Curriculum

Our topic title is '**3D Designers**'. We will be finding out about some famous buildings from all over the world and creating documentaries about them. Pupils will then learn how to use design software to create their own 3D building designs. Finally, they will include their designs in their own computer game, having used their coding skills to write it.



Religious Education



We will continue to learn about Judaism this term. Our main focus will be on the stories and celebrations linked to Esther (Purim) and Moses (Passover).

Personal, Social and Health Education

We will be focusing on setting ourselves goals, or targets, and striving to achieve them.



Physical Education



The children will be having gymnastics and swimming lessons this term. They will also continue their weekly yoga sessions.

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

Homework

- Please encourage your child to read every night. Try to listen to your child reading aloud at least twice per week.
- Each week children will take home spellings. These words are examples of the spelling rule that we are focusing on in class that week. Discuss the word meanings and spelling rules at home and encourage your child to learn them.
- We are revising times tables this half term. Please help your child learn all their multiplication and division facts to 12x12.
- Written mathematics and English homework is sent home each Friday. The purpose of this is to consolidate learning. It is due back the following Tuesday.
- Computer based homework is set regularly on Education City. Maths Whizz automatically tailors weekly lessons to each child's individual needs. Both of these are very useful learning tools so please encourage your child to use them at home or in the local library.



Mrs Downey