



Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2 - 2015

Dear Parents / Carers

English

- Creative writing will focus on poetry and stories.
- Our class reading book will be Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo.
- Comprehension will focus on giving clear and specific information to answer questions about a range of texts read in class.
- This half term, we will be concentrating on developing a neat, joined-up style of handwriting.
- 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 sentence structure will be revised, as making sure that our writing makes sense is vital if others are to understand it. Where appropriate, we will investigate ways of developing complex sentences within our writing.



Mathematics



- We will be converting between units of measurement - grams/kilograms, millilitres/litres, etc.
- We will be solving problems involving time, including reading timetables.
- We will be interpreting information given in different ways, including line graphs.
- We will also be doing lots of work on 2D and 3D shapes. This will include measuring and drawing angles accurately.
- In addition to this, we will continue to work on the basic skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

International Primary Curriculum

Our topic title is '**Bake It**', focusing mainly on the science and technology curriculum. We will find out about the importance of bread as a staple food to people all over the world. We will be trying, evaluating and developing different bread recipes. We will learn about yeast and its importance in the bread making process. We will also be finding out about how heat affects other foods, which will link into reversible and irreversible changes.



Religious Education



As part of our learning about Judaism, we will find out about the importance of the Passover meal to Jewish people. We will also focus on Christianity and the events of Holy Week, leading up to Easter.

Personal, Social and Health Education

We will be focusing on what is good about ourselves, celebrating our successes and individual talents.



Physical Education

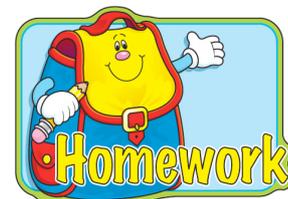


The children will be having gymnastics and swimming lessons this term. They will also continue their weekly yoga sessions.

In addition to the above, the children will be participating in foreign language 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.
- Please help your child practise 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.
- Maths Whizz, Education City and Purple Mash are all recommended as useful homework sites. Maths Whizz is particularly good because it 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