



## Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

### Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term 1 - 2015

Dear Parents / Carers

#### English

- Our class reading book will be *Gangsta Granny* by David Walliams.
- There will be a big focus on comprehension, both in class and as homework.
- We will continue to develop neat, joined up handwriting, although now we need to try to maintain this when writing faster.
- We are beginning our term by researching and making notes. We will then be turning these into our own reports about the Houses of Parliament and the general election.
- Proof reading for correct grammar, punctuation and spelling will form a major part of our writing development this half term.
- We will be learning lots about how to improve our writing by making careful choices of vocabulary, connectives, sentence openers and punctuation, sometimes known as VCOP.



#### Mathematics

- This half term we will be learning how to approach worded maths problems with greater confidence.
- We will learn how to measure and calculate area and perimeter.
- We will continue to work on fractions - ordering, recognising equivalents, adding and subtracting fractions.
- We will be learning about square and prime numbers.
- 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 '**Look, Hear**', focusing mainly on the science, music and technology curriculum. We will be finding out what our ears look like on the inside, how we hear sounds and how sounds can be altered (pitch and volume). We will also be looking at diagrams of the eye, finding out how we see things and discovering more about how light travels. Later on we will focus on creating our own instruments and composing music using them and our own voices. Performances by Stomp will inspire us with this part of our learning.



## Religious Education



As part of our learning about Judaism and Christianity, we will be finding out about different religious leaders.

## Personal, Social and Health Education

We will be focusing on how to form and maintain good relationships with others.



## Physical Education

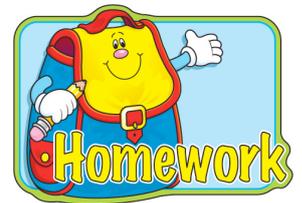


The children will be having athletics and games lessons this term. These will be outside, so they may need jogging bottoms for the early part of the term. They will also continue their weekly yoga sessions.

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. These are very useful learning tools so please encourage your child to use them at home or in the local library.



**Mrs Downey**