



Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Summer Term 2 - 2015

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

We have already had a very busy start to the summer-term with new challenges and activities within our lessons every day, in preparation for our Key Stage 1 SATs. Please see below an outline of the curriculum the children will be following in Year 2 during the final part of our 'Summer Term.'

English

We have begun this term by concluding our study of 'Explanation Texts' where our focus was on learning about 'Sharks' and 'Teeth'. Over the course of the coming weeks children will be studying 'Poetry'. During this unit children will be developing their skills on developing their sentence structure, punctuation, use of powerful verbs and descriptive vocabulary as well as identifying the key features of poetry *e.g. rhyme*. I would also emphasise the importance, that you ensure you are continuing to work with your children on their reading on a daily basis and recording this in their weekly planner as evidence. This is imperative in their progression into Year 3 and KS2.



Mathematics

We have begun this term by recapping previous learning in preparation for SATs. We have also expanded our knowledge on 'Doubling' and 'Halving' and their relationship, division with remainders and patterns and sequences. Over the coming weeks the children will be continuing to consolidate and develop their knowledge and understanding of number, while also getting a taste of the New National Curriculum for Year 2. This will be an important step in their progression to Year 3 as the objectives are new and challenging.

During this term the children will also be regularly continuing their learning and competency of their Times-Tables as it is a National Curriculum requirement that ALL children know these tables (x2, x5 and x10) competently by the end of Year 2.

I would ask that you ensure you are working with your children on these tables daily in preparation for our weekly test.

International Primary Curriculum

Our topic for this half term is 'The Earth: Our Home'

During this unit we will be focusing on Science and a variety of cross-curricular opportunities. The children will be learning about the 'Rainforest', 'Habitats' and 'Plants' and 'Animals'.



Religious Education



This term in RE we will be studying and learning about religious leaders and people of authority. Our focus will be looking at the importance of these people within our own lives, the lives of others and in their respective communities.

Personal, Social and Health Education

Our focus for PSHE this half term is 'Rights and Responsibilities'. The children will be learning about what they like and dislike, the process of growing from young to old, how rules help them, sharing their thoughts and opinions with others constructively and that people and other living things have needs and how we have responsibilities to meet them.



Physical Education

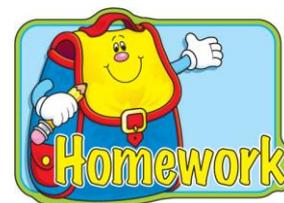
In PE the children will be improving their skills in throwing, catching, agility and balance through a range of team games and activities taught by Mr Olejnik. The children will be learning about 'Rounders' by an outside professional. During these lessons, children will be developing their skills in throwing, catching and hand-eye coordination. Yoga will continue every Wednesday.



Homework

Your child will continue to receive their reading books to take home every night. I would ask that you please read with them daily (for a short period, approximately 5-10 minutes), recording and commenting in their planner so we know they have read. As previously mentioned, reading every day is vital in continuing to develop their reading ability and comprehension of text, if your child has finished their books they should be encouraged to discuss the events and characters in the story. On a final note, if reading diaries are NOT signed, they will NOT be changed, as there is no evidence to suggest they are reading at home.

Spellings will be sent home every Tuesday for our spelling test on a Friday; the words will be based on what your child has been learning in phonics that week. www.phonicsplay.co.uk is a useful website with some free phonics games that the children often play in class.



Maths homework will be given every Friday and will reflect on what your child has been learning in class that week; please support your child in completing their homework.

If there is anything you would like to discuss please feel free to come in after school. I will be more than happy to discuss any issues arising or that you may have.

Kind Regards,

Mr Glynn