



Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term 2 - 2015

Dear Parents / Carers

English

- Our class reading book will be *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell Boyce.
- The focus on comprehension will continue, with pupils 'reading between the lines' and thinking more deeply about authors' intentions and choices of words. A range of text types will be covered, including poetry.
- We will continue to develop neat, joined up handwriting, although now we need to try to maintain this when writing faster.
- Proof reading for correct grammar, punctuation and spelling will form a major part of our writing development this half term.
- We will continue to learn 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 various mathematical problems by developing our ability to think and work mathematically.
- We will learn how to re-position shapes on co-ordinate grids by translating and reflecting using at least two quadrants.
- We will continue to work on fractions. This time we will be finding fractions of amounts and linking fractions with decimals and percentages.
- Our word problems will focus on measures, including time and money.
- 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 '**Weather & Climate**', focusing mainly on the science, geography and technology curriculum. We will be finding out lots about world geography, including the locations of some major world cities. We will be developing our understanding of climate and identifying the reasons why different places have different climates. Later in the term we will research extreme weather conditions and finding out how the Beaufort Scale was developed.



Religious Education



As part of our learning about Judaism and Christianity, we will be finding out about how these religions believe the world began. We will also explore other creation beliefs.

Personal, Social and Health Education

We will be focusing on how to be proud of our achievements and the achievements of others.



Physical Education

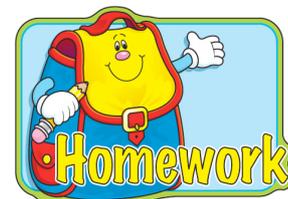


The children will be having athletics and games lessons this term. They will need to change into their PE kit (shorts and T-shirts) for these sessions. They will also continue their weekly yoga sessions.

In addition to the above, the children will be participating in Spanish 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