



Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2015

Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope you have all settled into the new school year and welcome to Year 2. Year 2 will be taught by Mrs Lovelock Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Folliard Thursday and Friday.

Here is an outline of the curriculum the children will be following in Year 2 during the autumn term.

English

In English the first book the class will be reading is 'Grace and Family'.

We will be discussing themes and issues that arise in this story, enabling children to make connections with their own lives. As part of the unit the children will explore and develop ideas through talk and to listen to each other's responses, develop creative responses to the text through drama, play and drawing, write in role in order to explore characters and events

and reflect on reading through keeping a reading journal. In grammar we will be focusing on the use of correct punctuation in sentences and begin to identify words types such as nouns and verbs.



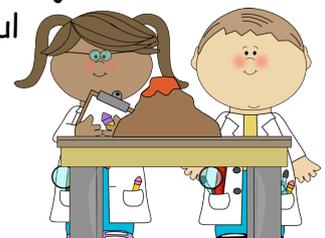
Mathematics

During maths we will be learning to count in steps of 2s, 5s and 10s and begin linking this to finding multiplication facts. We will partitioning 2-digit numbers to identify place value and using this to solve problems. Later on in the term we will be recapping known addition and subtraction facts to 20 and identifying mental strategies to add and subtract 2-digit numbers. We will soon move on to looking at measures where our focus will be weight and telling the time to half past and quarter to. We will begin our work on shapes focusing on the names of 2D and 3D shapes.



Science

Our topic for this half term is 'Uses of everyday materials'. The children will develop their understanding of materials and will have opportunities to explore the properties of various materials. They will begin to relate these properties to the way the materials are used. The children will be developing their ability to work scientifically, by carrying out careful observations, in order to identify and classify various materials and by recording their observations carefully. The children will conduct various experiments to compare the suitability of various materials for particular uses and to discover how the shapes of solid objects can be changed. Finally, we will be finding out about people who have developed a useful new material, such as Charles Macintosh -the clue is in the name!



Topic

Our topic for this half term is 'Significant People from the Past'. During this unit we will be focusing on History. The children will be learning about and comparing famous nurses, monarchs, explorers and mathematicians such as Edith Cavell, Elizabeth 1, Alan Turing and Christopher Columbus. It would be great if you and your child did some background research on one person from the past to give them a head start in their lessons!



Religious Education



RE for this term will be looking at signs and symbols that represent different religions.

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. PE for Year 2 will be on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Your child should have a full PE kit consisting of black shorts, a white t-shirt and trainers.



Homework

Your child will continue to receive their reading books to take home at least once a week; please comment in their planner so we know they have read. Reading everyday is vital in continuing to develop their reading ability, if your child has finished their books they should be encouraged to discuss the events and characters in the story.

Spellings will also be given out every Monday for our spelling test on a Friday; the words will be based on what your child has been learning in English 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; this homework is not for your child to do independently but with an adult.

Very soon your child will also be receiving logins and passwords for Maths Whizz, which is a one-to-one learning program to develop their maths skills online, and Education City, which offers all types of interactive learning games.

If there is anything you would like to discuss please feel free to come and see us **after** school.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Lovelock and Mrs Folliard