



Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

Year 4 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term - 2015

Dear Parents / Carers

English

- Our class reading books will be by Roald Dahl, starting with *Danny, The Champion Of The World*.
- In addition to our class novels, we will be reading a range of other texts, including short stories, poems and many pieces of non-fiction as part of our work in English and other subjects. These will be reflected in the range of writing that children produce.
- Pupils will be encouraged to proof read their work to identify and correct basic errors in spelling and punctuation, e.g. capital letters to begin sentences and proper nouns.
- Correct grammar will be a major focus this term. This will include using the correct form of verbs, e.g. *we were* and not *we was*.



Mathematics



- We will be focusing on learning the 6x, 8x and 9x multiplication and division facts. These facts will link to work on formal methods multiplication, e.g. 462×3 .
- Pupils will learn how and when to use efficient formal written methods for addition and subtraction. This will be applied to real life problem solving.
- We will investigate the effect of multiplying and dividing whole numbers and decimals by 10, 100 and 1000.
- Pupils will be classifying and comparing 2D shapes, identifying lines of symmetry and finding perimeters.
- Children will be working with numbers beyond 1000, negative numbers, fractions and decimals.

Topic

Our topic this term has a history focus. Pupils will be learning about life in Britain at the time of the Roman Empire, the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. Other subject areas will be covered, including art and geography, where they are relevant to the main focus.



Science



Our science topic this term will focus on sound. Pupils will learn how sounds are made, how pitch and volume change and about the structure of our ears. They will be encouraged to discuss ideas and make predictions.

Religious Education

For the majority of the term we will be learning about Hinduism. Children will find out about Hindu gods, shrines and festivals. As Christmas approaches, we will learn about the significance of Advent in the Christian faith.



Physical Education



In PE we will be participating in team building exercises and competitive team sports. The children will also go swimming every Tuesday. It is important that pupils have the correct kit for all PE sessions.

In addition to the above, the children will be participating in foreign language lessons.

Homework

- Please encourage your child to read every night. Please listen to your child reading aloud daily.
- Each Monday children will take home spellings. These words are specific 'must knows' and 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.
- Each week your child will be given times tables or other mental maths facts and to learn. Please encourage them to learn to recall these with increasing speed.
- Written mathematics and English homework is sent home each Friday. The purpose of this is to consolidate learning. It is due back the following Wednesday.
- Computer based activities are available on Education City. Maths Whizz 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.

