



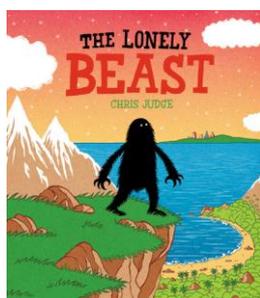
Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter  
Autumn Term - 2015

Dear Parents / Carers

It has been a fabulous start in Year 1 and I am enjoying getting to know all the children. We have a wonderful term planned which is full of engaging and exciting activities. Here is an outline of the curriculum the children will be following this term:

### English



Our English curriculum is book based and the children will be developing their knowledge and understanding through the text 'The Lonely Beast'. We will be covering a range of genres including descriptive writing, poetry, persuasive writing, letter writing and recounts through diary entries. In addition we will recap and develop our phonics understanding so please continue to read with your child at home.

### Mathematics

In number we will be counting forwards and backwards from a given number, finding the number that is one more or one less up to 20, learning the place value of numbers and applying our number bonds to ten. We will begin to count objects in 2s, find odd and even numbers and learn how to double and halve a number up to ten. Please count objects with your child at home and perhaps ask them what is 2 more than a given amount.



### Topic - The Great Fire of London and Toys

In our topic we will be looking at The Great Fire of London in the first half of the term. In the second half term we will explore toys from the past and present. The children will enjoy designing and making their own toys. As part of our science we will be investigating how plants grow.

### Religious Education



This term in R.E. our topics are 'Thanking God for nature' and 'Light'.

### Personal, Social and Health Education

This term in PSHE we will be learning about 'New Beginnings'.



## Physical Education

In PE the children will be improving their skills in throwing and catching, agility and balance through a range of team games and activities.

Our P.E days are **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**.



All children receive new homework every Friday which is due on the following Wednesday. Please check your child's book bag on a Friday so you know what their homework for the week is. Each child will have their own reading book so please read with your child at home and discuss the book they are reading. This will help them to develop their reading as well as their speaking and listening skills.



Please remember that our school uniform is black shoes rather than trainers during the school day. Children should also wear trousers rather than jogging bottoms. If you have any questions or queries about this then please ask.

### What can you do to help?

- Make sure your child has a P.E kit for Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Complete homework weekly.
- Read once a day (school reading book, comics, instructions, cooking recipes, shop signs and posters)

If you have any worries or queries, please feel free to come and see me after school. Thank you for your help and support this year.

Mr Mansfield