



Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term - 2016

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Hope you had a fantastic winter break and are feeling recharged and ready for another term in Year 1. We have an exciting term of learning ahead of us which is full of interesting and engaging activities. Here is an outline of the curriculum the children will be following this term:

English

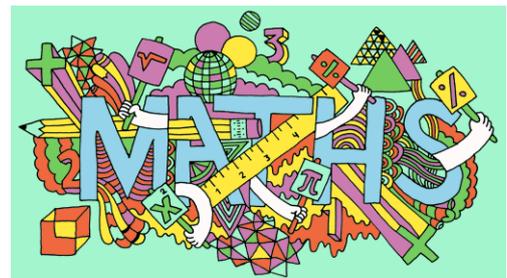
We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



After our school trip to The Children's Discovery Reading Centre, we have decided that our focus book for this half term is 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. From this we will be creating rhythmic poems, character descriptions, diary entries, letters, book reviews and retelling the story with our own interesting twists. We are also continuing to focus on our phonics this term, building up the children's reading skills.

Mathematics

In Maths this term we will be building on the skills we learnt last term, working towards our end of year goals. We are beginning to learn our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. It would be a great help if you could practice these at home with your children, re-enforcing the learning we do within school. We will be learning about money this term as well which can be an abstract concept for the children, so please encourage their understanding of the coins at home.



Science - Everyday Material & Seasonal Changes

We will be covering two subjects within science this term, Everyday Materials and Seasonal Changes. Children will investigate what different kind of materials are around them and how they each differ from one another, children will also distinguish between the variety of materials that an object can be made of. In Season Changes



we will observe the changes from Winter to Spring and learning about how this effects nature and everyday life.

Topic - Structures and Mechanism



Our Topic for this term is Structures and Mechanism, we will explore different kinds of structures including: Playgrounds, Bridges and Buildings. We will understand how they are made and what keeps them together. We will also design and make our own Bridges out of paper, card and lego. In Mechanism we will look at familiar mechanical objects and gain an appreciation of how they work, eventually creating our own small mechanism.

Religious Education - Belonging

In R.E. we are learning about belonging to groups, such as: families, social groups, our school community and religions. We will explore how everyone's sense of belonging is special and unique so that we may understand one another.



Physical Education - Team Games & Physical Skills

In PE the children will be continuing to improve their physical skills by playing a range of skill based team games.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Our P.E. days are still **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**

Homework

Same as last term, children will receive homework every **Friday** which will be due back the following **Wednesday**. Please check your child's book bag on a **Friday** so you know what their homework is for the week. Each child will have their own reading book so please read with your child at home and discuss the books they are reading. This will help both their reading skills and comprehension skills.

If you have any worries or queries, please feel free to come and see me before or after school. Thank you for your continued support throughout this spring term,

Kind Regards,

Mr Mansfield