



## Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

### Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2016

Dear Parents/ Carers

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

#### **English**

This half term in English Year 2 will be reading the book 'Traction Man is Here' by Mini Grey. The story follows Traction Man's heroic adventures. The children will continue to be taught Grammar and Phonics alongside the English unit. There will be an even bigger focus on grammar this half term in preparation for the new Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar SAT's in May.

#### **Mathematics**

The children are beginning to know the 2, 5 and 10 times tables by heart (we will continue to have a strong focus on this the whole term). Number this term will focus on adding and subtracting using mental strategies, solving problems and using the inverse to check. In shape we will look at the names and properties of 3d shapes and in measure the children will be focusing on length and using centimetres and metres to measure.



#### **Science**

Our topic for this term is 'Animals including Humans'. The children will learn about how humans and other animals are born, grow and change and what we need to survive and be healthy. The children will classify different kinds of animal babies; learn about the basic needs that are shared by humans and animals; and research the differing needs of animals within our care. The children will explore the need for humans to eat a balanced diet, to keep themselves clean and to take regular exercise. . The children will be developing their ability to work scientifically, by beginning to ask questions that can be investigated. During these investigations the children will be helped to make careful observations, and to record and interpret their results.

#### **Topic**

Our topic for this term is 'Food and Farming'. The children will be learning about where our food comes from and will have opportunities to do some cooking of their own.



## Religious Education

Our RE topic this term is 'Special Places'. The children will begin by thinking about a place that is special to them and why. They will then look at why Christians go to church and what they do when they go to church.



## Physical Education

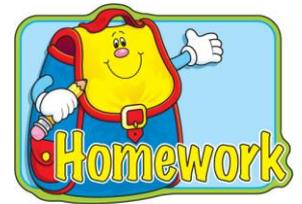
In PE the children will be improving their skills in throwing, catching, agility and balance through a range of team games and activities taught by Mr Olejnik. PE for Year 2 will be on a **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. Your child should have a full PE kit consisting of black shorts, a white t-shirt and 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 Tuesday 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](http://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.

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