



Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term - 2016

Dear Parents / Carers

It has been a fabulous start in Year 1 and the transition between Reception and Year 1 has been smooth with the pupils settling in very well. We have a busy term planned which is full of engaging and exciting activities. Please see an outline of the curriculum pupils will be following this term:

English

We are following a creative curriculum this year with different topics for each half term. We have started off by being Superheroes going on a Superhero Hunt and then took part in a Superhero workshop as a follow up. 'Memory Box' is the topic for next term. We will be reading the book 'Teddy bears' picnic followed by having our own picnic in the school grounds. The topics for the rest of the year are:

Spring 1 - Moon Zoom, Trip/Visitors - Portable Planetarium
Spring 2 - Dinosaur Planet, Trip/Visitors - Natural History Museum
Summer 1 - The Enchanted Woodland, Trip - Capel Manor Gardens
Summer 2 - Rio de Vida, Trip/Visitors - Samba Workshop

English includes reading skills, phonics, writing and grammar. The areas that we will be covering include:

- Descriptive sentences, comic strips, labels and captions
- Recounts, diary writing, rhymes and information books
- Posters and character profiles, non-chronological reports
- Narratives - writing for different purposes
- Letters and lists
- Poetry, instruction writing and postcards.

Mathematics

It is very important for pupils to be able to count to and across 100 as this helps to build the foundation for number recognition, identifying patterns and sequences. We will be doing a lot of counting forwards and backwards from a given number, in ones, twos, fives and tens. 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 and twenty.



Programme of study includes:

- Number and place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division - 2,5,10 x tables (Please learn at home to reinforce)
- Fractions
- Measurement
- Geometry and properties of shapes - 2 and 3-D shapes, directions i.e. half, quarter turns

Topic - Based on Creative Curriculum outlined above

Focus for this term will be:

PE - Dance and Games

History - Historical heroes/heroines and changes within living memory

Art - Drawing and modelling superheroes, collages and family portraits

D&T - Superfoods, mask-making, making picnic foods, celebration cards, making a memory box

Geography - Fieldwork in the local area

Computing - Downloading photographs and images, E-safety, animations.

Religious Education



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

Personal, Social and Health Education

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



Physical Education

Our P.E days are Tuesday (Dance) and Friday (Games).

Please remember pupils should be wearing trainers for PE and NOT plimsolls. No jewellery is allowed apart from small rounded ear studs. If pupils do wear little studs on a PE days the studs need to be covered over with medical tape in line with our health and safety policy.



All children receive new homework in their red homework books on a Thursday. It will either be English or Maths homework based on what we have learned in class that week. Homework should be handed in on the following Monday. Spellings will be given out every Friday and pupils will be tested in class the following Friday. The spelling words are taken from the First 100 and 200 word list and for some pupils spellings will be based on the sound of the week. Please help your child in learning these words every day as well as listening to them read daily. Please sign reading diaries (as books will not be changed otherwise).

What can you do to help?

- Make sure your child has a PE kit in school on a Monday.
- Complete homework weekly.
- Read once a day (school reading book, comics, instructions, cooking recipes, shop signs and posters)

Please feel free to speak to me after school if you have any queries. Thank you for your support this year.

Warmest wishes

Ms Biles