



Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School
Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter
Autumn Term 2016

Dear Parents / Carers

English

This term Year 6 will be covering a variety of genres including historical recount, persuasion and explanation. There will be a clear focus on the skills of drafting and editing in preparation for secondary school.

Year 6 will continue to develop their knowledge of different forms of punctuation and grammatical terms and how these can be used to improve their writing.



Mathematics

Year 6's learning will be covering the complete range of mathematical activities this term and a great deal of emphasis will be placed on mental skills, the quick recall of key number facts, including times tables and problem solving. They will also be developing their mathematical thinking through investigations and problems.



Parents can help by supporting homework, the memorising of glossaries, the learning of times tables and other number bonds.

Topic

Year 6 will be covering the topics 'A Child's War' and 'Gallery Rebels'.

'A Child's War' focuses on the lives of children in the Second World War. The children will be learning about the key events of the war, daily life, evacuation, the life and diary of Anne Frank and many other aspects of this period of British history.

'Gallery Rebels' has an art and design focus. The children will be learning about art and how it can be an act of rebellion. Can they change the world with a paintbrush, a thought, or an idea?



Religious Education

In Year 6 the children will be learning about the Buddhist and Christian faiths.

They will be considering how Buddhists and Christians live their lives, learning about the Buddha and the term will finish by considering the sacred and secular aspects of Christmas.



Physical Education

Year 6 have PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays, where they will be participating in team building exercises, and competitive team sports.

It would be helpful if Year 6 had their PE kit, including trainers, with them every day.



Homework - for details please see your child's planner.

Year 6 are expected to complete 1 hour of homework every night.

This is made up of:

- 30 minutes reading
- 30 minutes spent on:
 - Any written homework set
 - Learning times tables
 - Practising mental maths skills
 - Learning glossaries



Please encourage your child to read every night. Try to listen to your child reading aloud at least three times a week and record this in their planner.

All Mental Maths practice completed should be recorded in your child's planner

Online support with revision for SATs can be found at:

www.bbc.co.uk/education

www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk

and of course through Math Whizz which tailors activities to each individual's specific needs.

Parental support with homework would, I'm sure, be appreciated.

Year 6 Class Assembly - Tuesday 1st November at 9:00am.

