



## Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

### Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term - 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back after the festive holiday, I hope you have all had a lovely break. 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. This half term our topic is Moon Zoom. We've already had a visit from the Planetarium which was very interesting and the pupils learned lots of interesting facts about the different planets. On Monday we were told that an UFO has crash landed in the field near school. We have been working very hard on writing our News reports warning people to be on the lookout for slimy, creepy aliens.

The topics for the rest of the year are:

Spring 2 - Dinosaur Planet, Trip/Visitors - Natural History Museum

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

- Fiction
- Adverts
- Poetry
- Recounts
- Narratives

#### 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
- Money
- 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, Games and Gymnastics.

History - Significant people, Astronauts and Mary Anning.

D&T - Model making of spaceships and the Solar system.

Geography - Satellite images, locating continents and oceans.

Computing - Research and emails.

Science - Materials, living plants and animals.

Music - Space themed music and percussion instruments

PSHE - Goal setting

## Religious Education



This term in R.E. our topics are 'Religious Communities and symbols' and 'Values and Commitments'.

## Physical Education

Our P.E days have changed to Mondays and Fridays.

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 their reading daily. Please sign reading diaries as books cannot be changed without evidence of practice.

### **What can you do to help?**

- Make sure your child has a P.E 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, Miss Evans and Miss Santos