



Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 1 - 2017 Creep and Crawl

Dear Parents / Carers

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

English

In English we will be linking our learning to our creep and crawl. We will be producing a leaflet with information about mini beasts including explanations of life cycle. We will write a creation myth based on famous examples such as How the zebra got his stripes, How the bee got his stripes and How the ladybird got its spots. We will make sure that we use accurate letter size and formation when writing. In phonics we will consolidate our knowledge of sounds and letters. We will read and discuss a range of stories, poems and non-fiction books. When reading we will use drama and role play to develop understanding of story structure. All term will be focusing on the use of correct punctuation in sentences and begin to identify words types such as nouns and verbs.

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 as well as introducing the 3 times table). 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.



Cornerstones - Creep and Crawl

We're going out and about on a minibeast hunt! We will be creating our own minibeast laboratory, improve our observational drawing skills and make model minibeasts. We will also look at ICT uses beyond school including attempting stop motion animation. Our busy half term will also see us play some tuned and untuned instruments and the origins of some of our favourite foods.

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 and catching, agility and balance through a range of team games and activities. We will understand that being a 'good sports player' is more than just playing well. We will also be taking part in dance lessons exploring simple variations on basic actions. PE now takes place on a Wednesday and a Friday.

Homework

English, Spelling and Maths homework will be given on **Thursday** and due in on **Monday**. Spelling quiz will take place on **Wednesday**.

What can you do to help?

- Make sure your child has a P.E kit labelled and left in school.
- Help to complete 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.
- 20+ Reading/Spelling/High Frequency Words
- Allow for as much Mathswizz as possible at home. 60 minutes a week is recommended.

If you have any worries or queries, please feel free to come and see me after school. Thank you for your help and support this year.

Mr Pegg, Mrs Moore & Mrs Watson