



Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

Mr Gascoine and I are enjoying learning with your children. Mr Gascoine will be teaching on Monday's, Tuesday's and Friday's. Miss Morrison will be teaching on Wednesday's and Thursday's. Together we will be learning about:

English



This term the children will be learning to read and write in different styles:

Recount: Compose a diary entry. We will focus on using descriptive language including similes, metaphors and personification.

Performance poetry: We will read, write and perform free verse.

Explanations: Write an explanation.

As part of English we will also be learning more grammar, developing our spelling and improving our handwriting so that by Easter we are writing in pen.

Mathematics



Year 5 will developing their ability to use numbers up to 1 000 000 in the following ways:

Count forwards or backwards in steps of powers of 10.

Read, write, order and compare numbers.

Round any number to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10 000 and 100 000.

We will also be improving our ability to complete mental maths:

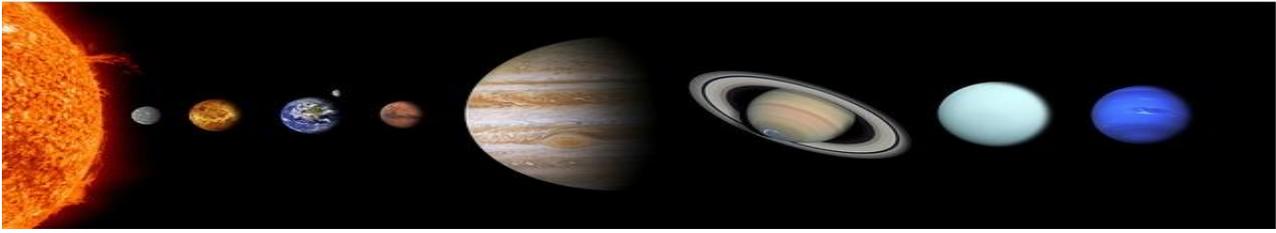
Add and subtract numbers with increasingly large numbers.

Multiply and divide numbers drawing upon known facts

Formal written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division with more than 4 digits will be practiced.

Compare and order fractions whose denominators are all multiples of the same number.

Throughout Maths we will be applying our skills to problem solving. We will often reason about numbers and calculations as well as improving our fluency in all skills.



Topic

Our topic is *Star Gazer*. This topic is mainly Science focused but will include many of the other foundation subjects. We will be learning about the planets and practicing our grammar skills when writing reports about the planets. The children, who are now able to research, will be using the internet and books to support their learning.

Physical Education



Our P.E. day is Thursday. In PE we will be participating in team building exercises, and competitive team sports. Please ensure your child has full PE kit for both indoor and outdoor PE. This includes a change of T - Shirt. Tracksuits can be worn as it can become chilly outside. Children who wear earrings should bring their own tape into school please.

Year 5 are continuing to learn to swim until Easter. If your child is unable to go swimming a letter is needed to explain why. All the children need to learn to swim 25m. We are impressed by the efforts they have been making this term.

Spanish

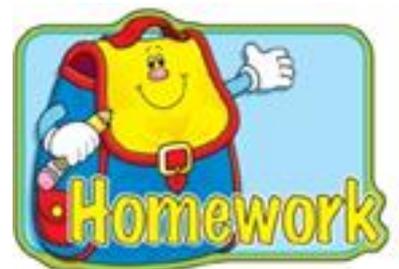
In addition to the above, the children will be participating in Spanish lessons. Children are developing their oral and written skills.

Homework

Daily reading is important to ensure all the children are reading at age related expectations or higher. Reading aloud, discussing the vocabulary, discussing opinions and asking why the author has used certain vocabulary are great things to practice at home.

Homework for Maths and English will be set on a Thursday. The children will record the pages in their reading diary. The homework is due back in on the following Monday.

The children should try to complete up to 60 minutes on Maths Whizz each week. After completing a placement assessment the work will be set at each individual's level and needs.



Miss Morrison, Mr Gascoine and Mr Fitzgerald