



Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term - 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

English

This term Year 6 will be covering a variety of genres including Non-Chronological Reports, Instructions, Autobiography and Fantasy Stories. 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 'Hola Mexico!' and 'ID'.



The children will be exploring this unique country from its towering temples and stunning geography to its pulsing rhythms and fun-packed festivals. They will also discover the mysterious world of the ancient Maya civilisation.

Who do you think you are? Are you an extrovert or an introvert, a singleton, a twin or even a triplet? From your finger prints and footprints, genes and DNA, everything is unique to you. ID will see Year 6 exploring the world of human identity.



Personal, Social and Health Education

This term Year 6 will be covering the topics 'Going for Goals' and 'Good to be me'.



Physical Education

Year 6 have PE on Wednesdays 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 - Maths Whizz
 - Learning glossaries
 - Reading through their study books



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

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

Written English homework is sent home each **Monday** to be returned on **Wednesday**.

Written Science homework is sent home each **Wednesday** to be returned on **Friday**.

Written maths homework is sent home each **Friday** to be returned on **Monday**.

Online support with revision for SATs can be found at:

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2

www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk - Woodlands Resources Tab at the top

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.

Miss Milliams and Mrs Ramthor