



Dear parents/carers,

We hope that you all had a restful, safe and very merry Christmas break and we are excited to welcome the children back for the spring term. Below, you will find all the relevant information pertaining to the Year 6 curriculum this term. If you have any general teaching queries, please contact us at our class email addresses below. Please continue to send child attendance notifications to the main school office address (<u>office@holbrookprimaryschool.com</u>).

Mr Hudspith and Mr Kenny

Our Spring Theme

Our Spring Term theme is 'Changing Landscapes' and will have both a History and Geography focus which will be linked to our English lessons. The History lessons will focus on the Victorian era and how the United Kingdom was transformed by the Industrial Revolution. Similarly, our Geography unit will consist of a case study of Horsham using historical maps with a focus on how the arrival of the railway changed the city over the last 150 years. We will be visiting the Amberley Working Museum at the end of March for our Spring field trip.

Curriculum

English: We will be using our class reading books as context to create biographies, persuasive arguments, newspaper articles, and formal letters. In addition, we will also be completing a talk for the writing unit that uses the Alfred Noyes poem 'The Highwayman' to create narrative poems.

<u>Reading</u>: At school, we will be using a wide variety of books including:

- Boy in the Tower
- The Spider and the Fly
- The Nowhere Emporium
- The Highwayman

Science: We be learning about healthy bodies (the importance of diet and exercise, the effect of drugs and alcohol on the body, human circulatory system) and evolution and inheritance. We will also be dissecting pig hearts during the spring term, which will be a lot of fun!

<u>Maths</u>: This term, we will be working on ratio, algebra, area, perimeter and volume, statistics and fractions, decimals and percentages.

<u>Art</u>: We will be exploring the work of William Morris and using the skills of printing, photography, and computers to create our own wallpapers in his style.

PSHE: We will be looking at how to live a healthy life and looking at the effects of smoking and alcohol. Additionally, we will look at being responsible and how our actions affect others.



Class email addresses:

Mr Hudspith: <u>hawks@holbrookprimaryschool.com</u>

Mr Kenny: falcons@holbrookprimaryschool.com

<u>PE</u>

- Our PE sessions are on Wednesdays and Thursdays. During this term, the children will be learning badminton with an external coach and these sessions will be indoors and take place in the hall on Thursdays.
- Wednesday session will be outside. The children should therefore wear an appropriate PE kit for outside conditions.
- Earrings should be removed or covered for PE days.
- Please can you ensure that, if they are wearing trainers with laces, they can do them up independently.

Equipment

Please encourage your child to regularly check their stationery kit and let you know if they need to replace any items.

Essentials include a ruler, pencil, blue handwriting pen, blue and green biros, scissors, glue sticks, and colouring pencils. In addition, they should bring a water bottle to school each day. Please ensure that the bottles are washed regularly.

Home Learning/Seesaw

Home learning should continue to be recorded on Seesaw. We will upload the home learning on Friday and it should be uploaded within the week. All children are expected to spend up to 45 minutes on their home learning (this can be spread out throughout the week).