



# Year 6 Newsletter

Holybrook Primary  
School



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## Our Learning

### Curriculum Theme

Our first theme this year is called 'Conflict'. Our pupils will be exploring and evaluating different historical sources about World War 2, learning about life in post-war Europe and the attitudes and beliefs of the people who lived during this period. We will learn the concept of propaganda in relation to the Cold War, and begin to understand how and why Britain became a more diverse place in the post-war years.

### English

At Holybrook Primary School, we love reading! The first novel in Year 6 is *Carrie's War* by Nina Bawden. *Carrie's War* is about a child who is evacuated from London during World War II to a mining village in Wales. We will use this story as inspiration for our own pieces of writing. In our SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) lessons, we will consolidate our understanding of the various word classes and expanded noun phrases.

### Maths

In the first weeks of the new school year, Year 6 will be very busy! We will be learning about place value in numbers up to ten million, ordering and comparing numbers, rounding and negative numbers.

### Science

Our topic is all about electricity. We will be learning to associate the brightness of a lamp with the number and voltage of cells used in a circuit and use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram. Children will investigate how variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches.

### RE

In RE we will be learning about the signs and symbols of the world's major religions.

## Homework

Your child will be given spellings and homework once a week. Homework should be handed in on a **Tuesday** and our weekly spelling test takes place on a **Friday**. There are a number of reasons why it is important that homework is completed. Firstly, completing homework gives your child an excellent opportunity to make additional progress. In addition, completing homework to a high standard builds good habits and aids the development of perseverance.

**Times Table Rockstars**, **Accelerated Reader** and **SPAG.com** are online resources your child can access at home. Please make sure that your child is regularly completing the tasks set on these websites as it is a really effective tool for revision and highlighting your child's areas for development.

You should listen to your child read and sign their **reading journal** daily (further information on home reading and Raving Readers can be found overleaf).



## Marvellous Me

Our pupils love seeing who has given them a 'high five' on Marvellous Me. Please look out for daily updates about your child's learning on this great service.

### Useful Information

In Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and Year 6) we encourage our pupils to take greater responsibility and show further independence in preparation for their transition to high school. These ways will really help your child to do this:

#### Water Bottles

It is essential your child has a water bottle marked with their name; we encourage each pupil to take it home every day to be washed. This should be filled with water only – not juice or fizzy drinks.

#### PE Kits

PE kit should be in school each **Thursday** and kit lists are available if required. Please speak with a member of the Year 6 team if your child has an injury preventing them taking part in PE so alternative provision can be made for them to join in the lesson.

#### Uniform

We continue to have high expectations of pupils' uniform at Holybrook – please note all pupils should wear black shoes to school (not trainers). It is extremely helpful if all clothing your child has is labelled with your child's name. All pupils should bring their book bag to school each day for transporting their reading books, reading journals and letters.

#### Mobile Phones

To ensure the safety of all of our pupils, mobile phones (including internet devices, games consoles and cameras) are not permitted in school.

### Home Reading and Raving Readers

Holybrook Primary School is introducing a new reading journal for our pupils this year. In this journal, there is room to record which books your child has read in addition to challenges they can complete. There are prizes available for pupils who complete these.

Number of times read	Prize	Tasks from Reading Journals
25	Badge	Complete 3 tasks
50	Leather bookmark	Complete 7 tasks
100	Book for the class	10 tasks completed
200	Book for yourself	15 tasks completed
250	Trip to Waterstones	All tasks completed
Golden Reader 300	A book collection	Their chosen book for a book of the month review (for the library) to be completed
Child in KS1 and 2 who reads the most all year	A year-long magazine subscription	All tasks completed

There are examples of each challenge in your child's reading journal. We use these journals in lessons too so please make sure your child brings this to school every day.

Our school library has been given a makeover this Summer and is an amazing area for our pupils to sit and enjoy their favourite books. Our classroom also has a lovely area for children to get comfy and read. We will be publishing photos of our pupils reading on our social media channels using the hashtag #HolyBOOKps

We would love it if our children and families could share pictures of reading too!

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mr Pearson, Mrs Jackson, Mr Hyland and Miss Barraclough