



Year 5 Newsletter



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Holybrook Primary School

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Our Learning

Curriculum Theme

Our first theme this year is called 'Conflict'. Our pupils will be exploring different historical sources about the lead up to World War 2, what it was like for children in Britain and other European countries at this time as well as how Britain changed after this conflict – including the impact on 21st Century living.

English

We love reading at Holybrook Primary School! Our first novel in Year 5 is Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. We will also be studying short stories set in the Harry Potter universe in addition to other fantasy stories such as Where the Wild Things Are. Year 5 will be getting a visit from a sinister, new villain from these short stories called the Chief Alchemist. We will be learning how to enhance our description of different types of characters.

Maths

The Chief Alchemist has set Year 5 lots of tricky Maths problems too! In the first few weeks, your child will be learning about how numbers up to one million are formed as well as how we use negative numbers.

Science

In Science, we are learning how solids, liquids and gases work. This involves many exciting, hands on activities as we explore how these materials mix and separate (or not) together.

History

Throughout the 'Conflict' theme, Year 5 will be testing hypotheses about perceptions during World War 2 – gathering evidence to prove or disprove these ideas. Our pupils will be collaborating with Year 6 using online conferencing tools. We look forward to sharing these with you on Marvellous Me.

Geography

As geographers, our pupils will learn about how land use changed during this time due to the re-introduction of the Women's Land Army. We will also explore the topography of different countries involved in World War 2 – making comparisons using maps and geographical sources.

Art and Design Technology

'Make do and mend' was a key theme in Britain at this time. Year 5 will be learning different stitching techniques to create a pillow using recycled fabrics. We would love to see how our pupils are using these skills at home so please let us know if your child has created any textile projects out of school. A great way to help your child in their learning is to practise threading a needle with them and tying off thread.

Homework

Our homework works a little differently in Year 5. For each half-term, we send a selection of projects home based on what we are learning about. Your child can choose which of these to complete in their homework book. All of the below information will be sent on Marvellous Me as well as in your child's homework book.

Year 5 Homework Autumn 1

Homework handing in date: Wednesday 23rd October. You should complete at least seven of these nine activities.

Each half term, you pick from one of the activities below each week. You should aim to have at least one done each week but you can do more if you want to push yourself further!

Make a poster explaining what adverbs are.	Draw a map of our local area.	Use your sewing skills to make something at home.
Make a model of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.	Write a video game review (about an appropriately age-rated game).	Create your own number Maths challenge like the ones we have done in class.
Write a song or poem about a character from the stories we are learning about in class.	Create a piece of artwork of a favourite character from the stories we have read.	Make a food diary for a week.

Spellings are taught daily in Year 5. We send these home every Tuesday to practise. There is a quiz on the spelling rule each week.

Times Table Rockstars, Accelerated Reader and SPAG.com are online resources your child can access at home. Your child's login details can be found in their homework book. We use the information we get from these applications to help assess where your child is in their learning so they more they do, the more progress they will make.

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 **Friday** and kit lists are available if required. Swimming is on **Wednesdays**. Please speak with a member of the Year 5 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!

Please feel free to pop in for a chat before or after school to talk about your child's progress. We are here to help and we all hope your child loves their time with us in Year 5. Thank you for your support in your child's learning.

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