



Year 2 Newsletter

Holybrook Primary School

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What we will be learning about this term in Maths and English.

In **English** lessons this term, children are exploring stories from a significant author: Julia Donaldson. The children are learning the story *Stick Man* to begin with, developing ideas for writing their own stories. Children will then draft, edit and improve their story to create a final version. We will be using other stories by Julia Donaldson later on in the term. **You can help by:** Asking about the author we are looking at **Stick Man by Julia Donaldson**. Can your child tell you the story?

During **Mathematics** this term, we will be developing their understanding of place value, learning strategies for adding and subtracting. They will be solving mathematical problems and beginning to learn the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. **You can help by:** Help your child learn all the pairs of numbers that make 20 e.g. $11+9$, $12+8$. Helping you child with their times tables and maths passport practise. Children have access to TT Rocks online to help them practise their times tables too.

Raving Readers

Please make sure your child is reading **every** evening at home. School reading books will be sent home for you to share with your child. Adults at home are encouraged to write in their reading records every night to show that your child has read. There are different activities in the Raving Reading journals for children to complete in their homework books. Reading records will be checked daily to monitor children's reading and every child will be given a tick towards their name every time they read. Please support your child in reading every day at home.

This half term we have a music focus. With a topic called '**Beat Band Boogie.**'



D.T

In DT we will be designing and making our own musical instrument. Please can I ask children to bring in items from home, such as plastic bottles, cardboard, tubes, cereal boxes.

Science

In science we will look at sound.



We will look at sources of sound. We will: observe and describe musical instruments, sort instruments into different categories, use bar charts to record data to questions such as 'What instrument would you like to play?'

Music

To link in with our science work this term we will be learning how to play different instruments. We will also be getting ready for our Christmas performance called 'A wriggly nativity.' Dates to follow very soon.

It was so lovely to see you all at parents evening on the first week back of half term. Last term we had a great trip to Skipton Castle and learnt so much about life in a castle as you got to hear about in our class assembly too. We have also visited St Clare's church last week, learning about the church and the key symbols within the church. We were so proud of all the children and the way they conducted themselves throughout both days.

Thank you for your continued support with home learning. It really does help to consolidate learning. If you have any questions, please come in and see us.

Mrs Robinson and the Year 2 team.

The children have PE every **Monday**; please ensure your child has suitable PE kit every Monday. This term we will explore gymnastic movements e.g. travelling, balancing, exploring levels and stillness. We will also be learning a dance in preparation for our Christmas performance.

