

# Holt Class News

January 2017

Welcome back! One week in and everything has settled down again. This newsletter is an update on anything that has changed as well as a summary of what is happening this term but if you have any questions come and see us or email me at the address below.

In case you were not aware Mr Walters has now taken over the English teaching in year 2 and works with the class each day.

## **Maths**

This term in maths we will cover addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as shape and space, place value and problems involving money, measures and data.

## **English**

In English this term we are learning:

Instruction writing - Recipes and writing instructions for games.

Writing stories in familiar settings - adding more description and detail to stories.

Information text - writing a tourist information leaflet for Holt.

Writing a recount of a class activity.

Spring poetry.

Our grammar focus is to use words like 'and', 'or', 'because', 'but' etc to join sentences.

Our spelling focus is to add prefixes and suffixes to words.

## **Independence**

This term the whole school is having a bit push to help the children develop their independence. Please help your child in any way you can and encourage them to take more control of their own needs.

## **Class Assembly and Topics**

Our topics this term are Our Local Community and Barbara Hepworth. Our Class Assembly will be on Wednesday 8th March. We will also be holding a tea party for parents and grandparents who have lived in Holt on the 3rd of February, more details soon!

## **Show and Tell**

As the year moves on we adapt the way we do Show and Tell to help the children to identify important or significant things and have the time to talk and listen to each other. This term rather than allow children to bring things in every week we will instead invite two groups to take part each week. We will display a timetable for this in the classroom. These changes will improve the quality of the activity for all children and ensure we have enough time for the more significant contributions.

## **Library books and PE**

Library books will be changed each week on a Tuesday. Please help your child to bring their book back each week and see us if you have any problems. PE will continue to take place on Tuesday and Thursday.

## **Reading books and Homework**

Please continue to help your child change their reading book in the morning. If you have any questions about reading at home just ask. Spellings come home on Friday and should be returned on Wednesday. Maths homework will consist of regular SumDog challenges. If you are having problems with accessing SumDog and would like help please ask me.

## **Email Accounts**

All children at school have a google email account provided by the school. The same account can also be used to access Espresso, an online resource bank and Sumdog. Usernames and passwords as well as a portal web address are all in reading record books. Please help your child to access these.

If you have time and would like to come in and work with the children, perhaps to listen to readers, please let me know. You will be very welcome.

If there is ever anything you would like to discuss, please come and see us or email me at [tgleeson4nru@nsix.org.uk](mailto:tgleeson4nru@nsix.org.uk). Also use this to send photos into school for show and tell or topic work.

Mr Gleeson