

Holme School Curriculum Newsletter

Class 2



Inventors & Inventions

Welcome back after the Christmas holidays. Hope you all had a jolly Christmas! Thank you for my lovely presents.

The spring term will be dedicated to learning all about inventors and inventions. This is a Science based topic, although it also incorporates many other aspects of the curriculum, including electronics and mechanics in Design Technology and making a computer controlled toy in ICT.

In Literacy, for the first few weeks, we will be exploring biographies of renowned scientists and inventors and writing our own biography about Thomas Edison. After that, the children will be creating instructions on how certain gadgets work, non-chronological reports on electricity and a story with historical characters or events.

HOMEWORK

Homework is due in every Monday (Literacy and Maths alternate weeks). Reading/Homework Journals/Student Planners must be brought in and signed then too.

MRS SUNDERLAND

Thursday 14th February
Morning workshop and evening performance at Huddersfield Town Hall

VIOLIN LESSONS

Please remember to practise your violin every week and bring it in on a Tuesday morning!



Spellings

Children will be given 19 or 20 spellings to learn every week. However, they will only be tested on 10 of them. All the games on Spellodrome are tailored to the weekly spellings lists. Please make sure spellings are learned every week.



Times Tables

Pupils have been working extra hard to learn their times tables and we have at least 7 children who have learned all of them up to the 12 times table.

WELL DONE!

Please keep playing the TT Rockstars games to reinforce all of the times tables.

In Maths this term, we will cover the following units:

Year 3: Multiplication & Division, Money, Statistics, Length & Perimeter, Fractions

Year 4: Multiplication & Division, Area, Fractions, Decimals

Year 5: Statistics, Perimeter & Area, Multiplication & Division, Fractions, Decimals & Percentages

Year 6: Fractions, Position & Direction, Decimals, Percentages, Algebra, Converting Units, Perimeter, Area & Volume Ratio

Science this term will teach the children all about electricity; the story behind its conception as well as the dangers associated with it. All pupils will learn how to construct circuits and simple gadgets using batteries.

Later, we will be concentrating on 'Forces and Magnetism', testing various types of magnets and materials in Lower Key Stage 2. In Upper Key Stage 2, we will be focussing on water and air resistance, friction, motion, gravity and mechanics.

In R.E. this term the topic is 'Who Can Inspire Us?' which concentrates on spiritual leaders, inspiring women and men in history and people we know.

We will also touch on 'Careers' in PSHE through inventors. In French, the topics are 'L'argent de poche' and 'Monter un café', which teach the children vocabulary relating to money and opening a café.

In PE., the children will be learning Dance with Project Sport as well as practising and refining their Bollywood dancing for the Strictly Pennine performance on Thursday 28th February.

Seth Foster from Pennine Sports Partnership is coming in every Wednesday this half term to deliver the PawsB curriculum, giving pupils the skills to train their brain, apply focus and look after their wellbeing.

Active Learning

We will be focussing a lot on active learning this term and getting the children moving.

Research has proven that children learn better when they move around the classroom and exercise during lessons. This will incorporate times table singing and dancing, trails and treasure hunts, as well as outdoor learning.

Many thanks again for your support.

Mrs Guest, Mrs Matthias and Mr Woodcock