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Horizon's Newsletter



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Holybrook Primary
School

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English

Class 1- This half term in English, Class 1 will read *Giraffes Can't Dance* and enjoy other animal stories. They will talk about what happens in the stories and share ideas about the characters. Children will also write simple fact pages about animals, starting with giraffes and then having a go at writing their own.

Class 2- This half term, Class 2 will be studying the text of *The Stone Age boy*. In this text we learn a lot of facts of the Stone Age through a story of a boy who falls back in time into the Stone Age. Through this text we will revisit many of the elements of punctuation and grammar we have learned throughout the year such as pronouns, direct speech and adverbial phrases. The children will write their own version of the story with their own characters.

Class 3- This term, Class 3 will be learning about poetry linked to our topic on volcanoes. They will read and listen to different poems, watch volcano videos, and enjoy performing poems aloud. The children will then have a go at writing, improving and performing their own volcano poems, inspired by *Escape from Pompeii*.



Maths

Class 1- This half term, Class 1 will be learning to add and subtract numbers up to 20. They will use practical resources, pictures and number lines to help them understand their calculations. Children will also solve simple problems and talk about their thinking as they build confidence with everyday number skills.

Class 2- This term, Class 2 will be learning about mass and capacity through practical, hands-on activities. The children will explore how mass tells us how heavy objects are and how capacity shows how much a container can hold. They will practise estimating, measuring, and comparing different objects and containers, helping them build confidence and understanding in a fun and engaging way.

Class 3- This term, in Class 3, children will be learning more about multiplication and division. They will practise using times tables, multiplying and dividing numbers by 10 and 100, and solving calculations using clear written methods. Children will also work with 2- and 3-digit numbers and use their skills to solve everyday maths problems, helping them grow in confidence with number work.

Holybrook Curriculum

Class 1- This half term, class 1 will be learning about animals through art and geography. They will create animal pictures using drawing, shading and collage, inspired by the artist Eric Carle. Children will also learn the names of the seven continents and use maps to find out where different animals live around the world.

Class 2- This half term is *Back to the Stone Age*. Class 2 will be exploring what life was like thousands of years ago by learning about key historical sites such as Skara Brae and Stonehenge. The children will investigate how people lived, what they ate, what tools they used, and how they expressed themselves through cave art. We'll be comparing life in the Stone Age to life today and thinking about how this early period helped shape modern civilisation.

Class 3 - This half term, children will be learning about the year 1066 and why it was an important time in British history. They will explore who the Anglo-Saxons were, how they lived in Britain, and what happened when the Normans began to take control of the country. Through this topic, children will develop an understanding of how life in Britain changed after the Norman Conquest.

Science

Class 1- This term, Class 1 will learn about the weather and the four seasons. They will learn the names of the seasons and months and see how weather, plants and trees change during the year.

Class 2- This term, Class 2 will be learning about forces as part of the science curriculum. The children will explore different types of forces, such as pushes and pulls, and how they affect the movement of objects. Through practical investigations and observations, they will learn about forces like gravity, friction, and air resistance, helping them understand how forces are used in everyday life.

Class 3- This term, Class 3 will be learning about living things and their habitats. They will find out what makes something alive, learn how plants make their own food, and discover how animals and plants can be grouped in different ways. Children will also explore different habitats, how environments can change naturally or because of humans, and why some changes can be harmful to plants and animals.

PSHE

Class 2

This term, class 2 will be learning about similarities and differences as part of PSHE. The children will explore what makes them unique while also recognising the ways they are the same as others. Through discussion, stories, and activities, they will learn to respect and value differences, develop empathy, and understand the importance of kindness, inclusion, and working together.

Class 3

This half term, class 3 will be learning about making healthy and thoughtful choices. They will explore why people choose different foods, including likes and dislikes, allergies, religious and cultural reasons, and ethical choices such as fair trade and animal welfare. Children will also learn how food labels help consumers make informed decisions and why sleep, relaxation and limiting screen time are important for staying healthy.

Religious Education

Class 2

This term, class 2 will be learning about rules and how they influence actions as part of RE. The children will explore different rules from religious and non-religious traditions and discuss why rules are important. They will learn how rules and teachings can guide people's actions, help them make choices about right and wrong, and support living together respectfully in communities.

Class 3

This half term in RE, class 3 will be learning about special books in different religions and why they are treated with great respect. They will explore why the Bible is important to Christians and why the Guru Granth Sahib is sacred to Sikhs, including how these books are used and cared for in places of worship. Through stories, discussions and visits, children will learn what "sacred" means and why holy books are important guides for people of faith.

Packed lunches

We have a child in school with a severe nut allergy, which means even the presence of nuts nearby can pose a serious health risk. Please be extra vigilant when preparing packed lunches and avoid sending in any items that contain nuts or nut products. Your support helps us keep all children safe and well.

A snapshot of our learning last term

The children recently took part in a fun baking project to raise money for resources such as prizes in Horizons. Working within a set budget, they planned what to bake, bought their own ingredients, made the baked goods, and sold them to others. They then calculated the profit they made, giving them a valuable opportunity to develop practical skills in budgeting, teamwork, and basic enterprise while supporting a great cause.

