

## Holden Clough Community Primary School's Curriculum Newsletter - Year 4 - Spring 1 - 2024

### Introduction

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school after half term, we hope you have had a lovely holiday. This is another jam packed half term and we are ready to get started with our learning. As always there are lots of exciting topics we are exploring and some extra pieces of at home learning to extend knowledge learned in school.

# Year 4

### Mathematics

In maths, for the first part of the half term we will be continuing with multiplication and division. We will be learning how to use formal methods of calculation.

### Timetables

There will be a weekly timetable check every week where children will answer 25 timed questions similar to the DfE check. Children should be practicing their timetables on TTRS every week in addition to their weekly timetable's lessons with Mrs Walker every Thursday.

### English

This half term in English we are looking at fables. We will learn the features of a fable and will write our own fable with an exciting setting description.

For our non-fiction writing we will be looking at instructions. We will look at the features of instructions such as; time adverbial ,and adverbials of manner etc.

The children will then write their own set of instructions.

### History

In Autumn 1 we looked at the Roman invasion of Britain. This half term we are looking at the impact that the Roman invasion made on Britain and how it is still evident in Britain today, for example, towns and roads.

### Science

In science our topic focus will be 'Sound'. We will learn how sound travels and how we hear sound. We will study sound waves and vibrations of sound.



## Parent's Information

If you want to support your child's learning at home, here are a few ideas you might like to try:

- Listen, read and discuss with your child the book they are reading at the moment. If you want to encourage your child to read more narrative/fiction ask your class teacher for ideas.
- Play times table's games and practice division as well as multiplication facts.
- Use Times table Rockstars websites at home - your children should know the log in details!
- Practice your child's spellings with them - they will be bringing them home in their log book at the start of each week and to use Ed shed to practice.

## Spanish/computing

Spanish and computing will continue to be on a Thursday and taught by the company 'Junior Jam'.

## Art

In Art we will be studying the work of Clarice Cliff.

The children will learn about Cliff, her work and the techniques that she used. The children will produce a piece of art inspired by Clarice Cliff.

## RE

Our key question that the children will be answering this half term is 'Why is Jesus inspiring to some people?'

Children will spend time researching and summarising the life events of Jesus and his teachings.

Children will learn about Christianity and the beliefs that Christians have.

## PE

We will be focusing on hockey with our sports coach on Fridays and learning basketball skills building up to playing whole class games in our Tuesday PE lessons.

## PSHE

We will be starting our PSHE unit of work by looking healthy eating and a balanced diet.

The children will make their own healthy eating menu.

