

## Holden Clough Community Primary School's Curriculum Newsletter Autumn 1 - 2023-2024

Welcome back - we hope you've all had a nice summer break and have enjoyed the sometimes-lovely weather! This half-term will be very busy and exciting with many things going on. Hopefully, all the children will be well rested and ready to hit the ground running for our new school year.

History

We'll engage with a new unit of work all about the **Romans**. The children will learn about the impact that the Roman invasion had on Great Britain. Our enquiry question and thread through each lesson will be:

**'Why did the Romans invade Britain and how successful were they?'**

Science

This half term the children will learn about **electricity**. They will be learning about circuits and how a circuit works. We'll look at switches and how they affect a circuit, and when they are used for different circumstances.

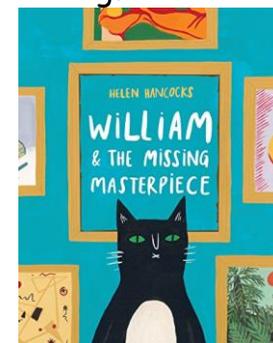
PSHE

This half-term will focus on the core theme of 'keeping safe online' in particular **online chat**. We will be thinking about the facts around privacy settings and popular online platforms, and the dangers that come with them. We will also be thinking about how we can form 'healthy' online relationships with others.

Children will continue to discuss and learn about ways in which they can seek help and support if they or others around them are feeling unhappy, unsafe or at risk.

English

Our writing focus this half-term will be a narrative unit of work based on our new fantasy text. The children will be using their writing skills to pen their own versions of the story, in which they will innovate key elements to entertain their reader. We will be focussing on the linguistic techniques needed in order to create dialogues between characters and work on many other aspects of punctuation and grammar. We will also be using our topic work to inspire a whole range of pieces of writing.



In addition to this, we will be working on our reading skills during our whole class guided reading sessions. This term, we'll have a particular focus on vocabulary as well as retrieval skills. We will be reading 'The Accidental Prime Minister'.

## Mathematics

This half-term we will focus on Place Value for numbers up to 10,000. We will be looking at how numbers can be represented in a variety of ways and think about the value of given digits.

We will also learn about rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000 and the strategies used to do so. In addition to this, we will think about finding the next 1, 10, 100 or a thousand, counting on or backwards from a given number. Children will also learn to make sensible estimations using a number line as a aid to do so.



## 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 asks your class teacher for ideas.
- Play times table's games and practice division as well as multiplication facts and telling the time.
- Use [Times table Rock stars](#)/[Ed Shed](#) websites at home - your children's log in details will be in their diaries by the end of week 1!

## Art & DT

We will be focusing on rural landscapes. We will be studying the artistic work of:

**Van Gogh**  
**George Turner**  
**O Keefe**



## Computing

This half-term, computing lessons will take place on a Thursday morning and we'll be exploring music genres and creating music of their own. The platform the children will be using to do so is called *Garage Band*. We will also continue to learn about how to remain safe online in addition to this.

**Homework** Please refer to the **Century Tech** website where new 'nuggets' will be posted on a **Thursday** every week. As well as spellings on Ed Shed and time-tables on TTRS. A homework mat each half-term will also be issued.

**R.E** In R.E we will be considering what it means to be a Hindu in Britain today. Pupils will explore what is important to children of that particular faith and discuss differences and similarities they have with others.



## PE

In PE the children will be learning basketball skills, and developing them in to playing a competitive game.

The children will also have a PE lesson taught by our PE coach.



## Music

Children will explore a variety of music and composers during this half-term via our *Charanga* curriculum and their computing sessions.

