

Holden Clough Primary School's Curriculum Newsletter - Year 6 - summer 1 - 2024/2025

Introduction We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable Easter break, ready for the exciting final term here at Holden Clough. This half-term is set to be a busy and rewarding one, filled with engaging learning opportunities and important milestones. A key focus will, of course, be the upcoming Year 6 SATs. The children have worked incredibly hard in the lead-up to these assessments, and this is their opportunity to truly shine and showcase all they've learned. In the weeks ahead, we will continue to review and consolidate the key skills needed for the tests, offering plenty of support and encouragement along the way.

Year 6

Geography

This half term, we will be looking into 'Where does energy come from?'

Where does our energy come from?



Vocabulary	Definition
renewable energy	Energy that does not reduce in quantity when it is used.
non-renewable energy	Energy that cannot be replenished and will eventually run out.
fossil fuel	A material formed from the remains of plants and animals over millions of years.



Where does our energy come from?



 hydropower Energy generated by the movement of water.	 wind power Energy generated by wind powering large turbines.	 geothermal energy Energy generated by the heat from the Earth's core.	 solar power Energy generated by the sun and solar panels.	 biofuel Energy generated from plant or animal waste.
 coal A black rock found deep underground which is used as fuel.	 crude oil A naturally occurring liquid made millions of years ago, found underground.	 nuclear power Energy generated from radioactive materials that create heat.	 natural gas A highly-flammable mixture of gases found deep underground.	

Mathematics

This half term we will be beginning with geometry. After looking into geometry, we will complete a short algebra unit. With SATS fast approaching, we will be continuing to revise and focus on the different aspects of mathematics to allow for children to feel as confident as possible during the assessment papers.

After SATS week, we will be completing themed projects which will give the children opportunities to apply everything they have learnt so far. These projects will be fun and engaging and will involve real life scenarios and investigations!



English

This half-term in English, we will continue to gather a range of independent writing pieces to support the Year 6 writing assessment. Our focus will be on developing the children's ability to write with purpose, imagination, and technical accuracy across a variety of text types. Pupils will be exploring how to write arguments between characters, using dialogue to reveal personality and advance the plot. They will also be crafting persuasive adverts, learning how to use rhetorical devices, emotive language, and strong vocabulary to influence a reader. In addition, we will delve into balanced arguments, encouraging children to consider multiple viewpoints before reaching a thoughtful conclusion.



Things end,
but memories last

"A book
is a gift
you can
open
again
and
again."
— Garrison Keillor

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.

-Play times table's games and practice division as well as multiplication facts.

-Use the century, Edshed and 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 planners at the start of each week.

Science

This term in science, we will be looking into electricity. Children will be learning how to make electric circuits, draw their own circuits and how to carry out fair investigations. Key vocabulary can be seen below:

Key Vocabulary	
circuit	A path that an electrical current can flow around.
symbol	A visual picture that stands for something else.
cell/battery	A device that stores chemical energy until it is needed. A cell is a single unit. A battery is a collection of cells .
current	The flow of electrons , measured in amps .
amps	How electric current is measured.
voltage	The force that makes the electric current move through the wires. The greater the voltage , the more current will flow.
resistance	The difficulty that the electric current has when flowing around a circuit .
electrons	Very small particles that travel around an electrical circuit .

Upcoming dates for your diary

- 23rd and 24th April: Parents' evening
- 24th April: NSPCC workshop (in school)
- 5th May: Bank holiday (school closed)
- 12th - 15th May: SATS Week
- 16th May: Pyjama and movie day
- 19th- 21st May: London residential.

P.E

Our PE unit for this term will be leadership skills. This will continue to be taught weekly on a Thursday afternoon by Miss Hanrahan and Miss Hollingworth. We will also have extra P.E. sessions during and after SATs week.

Spanish & ICT

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

Homework

Just a reminder of homework allocation for this academic year. All homework will be marked as a class whereby misconceptions will be addressed.

Monday - Arithmetic paper due the following Monday

Wednesday - CGP book (with SPAG focus)

Friday - CGP books (reasoning focus)



**KEEP
CALM
AND
DO YOUR
HOMEWORK**