

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

**Introduction** We are delighted to welcome the children back after a well-deserved break. We trust that they have all had a restful and relaxing summer and are ready to get stuck straight into learning this half term. We can't wait to hear about what they've all been up to before hitting the ground running in their final year at Holden Clough! However, without wanting to mention SAT's too early, it is really important this year that they take real responsibility for their learning. Regular reading at home will be key, as well as regular practising of the SPAG concepts we are going to be learning will also stand them in good stead.



## Mathematics

We will kick off the year in familiar fashion as we begin with place value. This will require the children to be confident in the recognising, reading and writing of numbers up to 8 digits, as well as looking at their composition. As part of this, we will also explore negative numbers and rounding, before then progressing on to the four operations, fractions and then finally geometry. We cannot stress enough the importance of being fluent in the recall of times tables and division facts this year, and to this effect, TT Rockstars will help them consolidate this. All logins will remain the same and we will re-issue log in details just in case children have forgotten them!

## History

In History, we will be exploring our enquiry question:

*Who were the Ancient Greeks and how did they influence the world?*

This unit is designed to explore Greek life, the achievements of Ancient Greece and its influence on the western world. Below you can find a list of the key vocabulary we will be covering this half term.

Word	Definition	Word	Definition
acropolis	A walled part of an Ancient Greek city, usually built on a hill.	ethics	Standards of right behaviour or moral principles.
alliances	A union formed for mutual benefit, especially between countries or organisations.	excavation	Digging to find buried remains or artefacts.
alphabet	The letters used in a language, usually arranged in a set order.	government	The group of people who are in charge of a country.
archaeologist	Someone who studies archaeology.	influence	The power to affect someone or something.
citizens	A citizen of a place is someone who was born there or who lives there.	military	To do with soldiers or the armed forces.
city-state	Ancient Greek city which had its own laws and government.	monarchy	A monarchy is a country ruled by a monarch.
civilisation	An advanced society, culture, and particular way of life in a certain area.	mountainous	A mountainous place has a lot of mountains.
conquer	Defeat people in a battle or war.	oligarchy	A country ruled by a small group of people.
conquest	A victory over another country or people.	philosophy	Philosophy is the study of truths about life and human behaviour.
culture	The customs and traditions of people.	tactics	Methods used by someone to achieve or win something.
democracy	Democracy is government by leaders elected by the people.	tyranny	Cruel or unjust way of ruling people.
drama	Drama is writing or performing plays.	unite	People or things unite when they join together.
enquiry	A question you ask when you want information.	warrior	Someone who fights in battles.

## English

In English, we will be firstly taking part in a welcome project which will introduce the children to the new way in which Holden Clough conducts writing. This approach focuses on writing for pleasure and aims to improve children's literacy skills through the increased love for writing. After the welcome project, we will be completing class writing projects based on poetry.



We will then be diving in to the world of Shakespeare by writing our own Macbeth inspired battle scenes. We will be thrown in to the story by watching the Young Shakespeare Company's version.

### Science

In science, year 6 will be exploring light. We will be investigating how we see things and looking into the laws of reflection and refraction.

### 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 games and practise division as well as multiplication facts.
- Use the Century, Edshed and TT Rockstars websites at home - your children should know their log in details!
- Practise your child's spellings with them - they will be bringing them home in their planners at the start of each week.

### Art & DT

Over the next few weeks, year 6 will be researching and then creating artwork inspired by the following artists:

- David Spears
- Willow Pattern

### Upcoming dates for your diary

- 19<sup>th</sup> September - Parents Meeting (in person to be held in the classroom).
- 1<sup>st</sup> October - Young Shakespeare Company performance (until 3:30pm)
- 25<sup>th</sup> October - Half term ends.

### P.E & Forest School

6AH & 6JH will be having both P.E and Forest School on Thursday afternoons. It is imperative for children to come in the correct kit including appropriate footwear, and where appropriate additional warm clothing.

### Music

Children will be learning band skills on a Tuesday afternoon.

### 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 book (reasoning focus)**



**KEEP  
CALM**

AND

**DO YOUR  
HOMEWORK**