

The Holt Primary School



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Welcome Back!

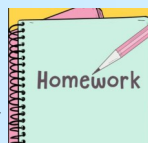
I do hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

It's hard to believe that we are already a third of the way through the academic year but we have had an amazing start to our time in Year 5 and I could not be prouder of the effort and progress of each and every child in the class. Last term's topic on the rainforest was a great success and I know how much the children are looking forward to sinking their teeth into our new topic, Crime and Punishment, based all around changes in justice over the past 400 years. This will be a very thought provoking and interesting topic where the children will get to share their personal views and explore what life was like hundreds of years ago. As well as this, we will be exploring forces and materials within our science learning.

In our reading, we will be starting to explore a new class reader, Holes—this is an amazing book and one which I am sure the children will thoroughly enjoy.

Homework information

In Year 5, homework is generally set once a week (on **Mondays** and handed in on a **Monday**). It will consist of: reading, Book of Books and Times Table Rockstars which your child should be able to complete independently within **about 40 minutes**. If your child ever struggles, please let me know or ask them to come and see me. I am more than happy to clarify anything. Further information was sent last week with arrangements for the term and this was placed into your child's Book of Books. I will be checking Book of Books once a week.



Book of Books

Last term, we launched as a class our book of books initiative to help get each and every child more into reading. I have been so impressed with the passion, commitment and effort everyone has put into their reading over the past term and cannot wait to see what work will be produced this term when we develop this even more.

P.E

The class will have Synergy coaching for PE on a Tuesday morning and then again on Wednesday mornings.

This term, we will be undertaking golf and dance during our PE lessons.

Trips and Experiences.

Lincoln Castle

On Monday 10th February, we will be going on a trip to Lincoln Castle to explore crime and punishment in the Victorian period. Here, the children will discover what life was like for people who committed crimes and how punishments differ to those experienced today.

A letter will be coming out in the coming days explaining more details about the trip as well as the costings.

Camping

In addition, in June, we will be having a camping experience, provided by The Outdoors People. Later this term, we will have an information afternoon about this where you can come along and see the amazing experiences which will be had as well as ask any questions you may have. A letter will be sent out shortly regarding details for this experience.

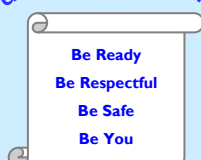
Any problems...

Should you ever need to talk to myself about your child, homework or any other issues/concerns, I am available on the playground at both the start and end of the day. Alternatively, I am able to arrange appointments outside of the school day if necessary— please do email me at years5@holt.lincs.sch.uk . I am very much looking forward to working alongside you and your child over the coming term.

Many thanks for your support.
Mr Ames



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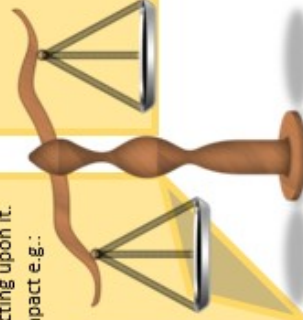


Ideas Organiser: Crime and Punishment (Year 5)



Knowledge:

- How the nature of crimes and punishments changed over 1000 years and be able to place the main ones in chronological order
- How some punishments were introduced for a short time and then replaced with others e.g. the Bloody Code and Transportation
- That society's attitude to crime has changed over time and has become less harsh.
- Some punishments that we think have been around for hundreds of years are actually relatively recent e.g. growth of prisons in Victorian times.
- Changes in society often bring about an increase in crime e.g. the growth of towns and cities in the early 19th century.
- That new crimes are always appearing, such as cyber crime, causing the police to learn new methods of dealing with it.
- That there are different states of matter: solids, liquids and gases
- That some materials can dissolve into liquids.
- That some changes are permanent (irreversible) and some aren't permanent (reversible).
- That there are different states of matter: solid, liquid and gas.
- That when some materials are mixed together, there is a permanent change where a new material is made.
- There are different forces acting upon us all of the time.
- Unsupported objects will fall down to Earth due to the effect of gravity acting upon it.
- The use of a pulley, lever or gear allow a smaller force to have a larger impact e.g.:



Vocabulary and background knowledge:

Force	A push or pull on an object which can cause it to change speed, direction or shape.
Mass	The amount of matter contained within an object (measured in g/Kg)
Balanced Force	Two forces of equal size acting in opposite directions on an object so it will stay still or continue to move in the same way.
Unbalanced Force	Two forces of unequal size acting in opposite directions causing an object to move, change direction or shape
Gravity	The area around a large object when a weight can be felt
Air resistance	The frictional force moving against air
Friction	The resistance of motion when one object moves against another
Capital Punishment	Executions such as Hanging, burning at the stake
Corporal Punishment	Physical punishment such as whipping
Transportation	taking prison convicts to spend years away from home in a distant land such as Australia
Treason	crime of plotting against the monarch or country
Felony	A serious crime
Ritual	An act always performed in the same way
Outlaw	Someone on the run from justice
Monarch	A King or Queen



Recommended Reads:

