



The Holt Primary School

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Welcome to the term

Welcome back to the first term of 2025-2026. I am so excited to be your child's teacher this year; I cannot wait to help them continue their learning journey in upper key-stage two.

We have an amazing team in Year 5 who are going to help your child achieve their goals and be the very best that they can be. I know that Mrs Fitzgerald, Mrs Bromhead and Miss Harrison are equally as excited to help your child reach their full potential.

Homework information

As your child has reached the upper part of KS2, it is important that they do their best to complete their homework as independently as possible. This term, homework consists of these elements:

1. Times Table Rockstars—set on a Monday where your child needs to complete 20 minutes of games across the week. This is linked to their personal targets on times tables.
2. Personal Reading—It is important that your child reads at least 3 times a week to promote their fluency and independence in reading. A fluency text will be sent home most Monday's which we will have practiced within class.
3. Book of Books. This will be launched towards the end of the term and there will be more information given out at the time. This promises to be a fantastic ongoing project for the children.

Homework is set on a Monday with the expectation of it being completed by the following Monday. There are no homework books aside from the Book of Books



Class routines

On a Tuesday, Mrs Fitzgerald will be teaching the class for my planning and school management time.

PE will take place on a Tuesday and Wednesday and the children will need to come in their full PE kit for the whole day. It is important that they come in something such as: joggers, hoody/zip up top, trainers and a T-Shirt. All hoodies and t-shirts need to be plain—football kits/tops are not allowed. If your child has earrings, they either need to be removed or earring tape must be provided.

Passport to the World

Our first topic of the year is all about exploring our local area and then comparing it with the wider world. There are so many exciting avenues of learning for us to explore with this topic; I know that the children are super excited about learning about their environment and the world around them. As part of this topic, we will be undertaking a village walk to explore our local area in more detail. There will be a letter sent out in the coming weeks with the arrangements for this on.

Later in the topic, we will begin to look at South America, the Amazon Rainforest and learn about the history and culture of the Maya. This will culminate in a comparison between life in South America and life in the UK.

Choices, choices, choices...

At this time of year, a regular question which I get is about secondary school choices and what needs to happen. Over the coming months, you will be given lots of different information from all of the different secondary schools which may seem rather overwhelming at times. My one piece of advice is to 'shop around' and see what each of the schools offer so that both you and your child get a feel for the school and can find the best fit. I would advise going to the open evenings or arranging a suitable time to view during the school day.

If you ever have a question, worry or concern about your child, no matter how small, it is important that we communicate with each other. If it is important to you and your child, it is important to me. Generally, I am available at the start/end of the day but you can also email me at: year5@holt.lincs.sch.uk ; I will get back to you as soon as I can. Equally, if there are any achievements your child has outside of school, I would love to hear about them so we can share them with the rest of the class.

Mr Ames



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Be Ready
Be Respectful
Be Safe

