



The Holt Primary School



Autumn 2026 Newsletter Y5



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Welcome Back

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, Miss Harrison, Mrs Warriner and Mrs Scarborough are equally as excited to help your child reach their full potential.

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 on 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.



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 Thursday 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.

Should you ever need to talk to myself about your child, homework or any other issues/concerns, I am available both at 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 year5@holt.lincs.sch.uk . I am very much looking forward to working alongside you and your child over the coming term.

Mr Ames

