



Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

Nursery Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term - 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a good seasonal break.



Communication and Language:

This term there will be a focus on learning new vocabulary, speaking in full sentences as well as asking and answering who, what and why questions. I will be encouraging children to bring in any photographs of activities that they have done during the week after school and on weekends. We will also have a show and tell activity on a Friday which will give children the opportunity to develop language, speech and communication. So please remind your child to bring in an item of importance to them that they would like to share with the rest of the class.

Physical Development:



The children will be focusing on developing their writing skills. This will include beginning to use the three fingers (tripod grip) to hold writing tools, imitate drawing simple shapes such as a circles and lines and start copying and writing their names. PE will be on a Thursday morning. Please supply your child with a pair of trainers as we will be learning how to take off and put on our own shoes. Please encourage your child to dress and undress independently and especially teaching your child to put on and take off his/her coat independently will be very helpful.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

There is a focus on the children working and playing together in groups. We will be encouraging children to join in and to seek out others to share experiences with.

English:

During English we will be focusing on stories, discussing the main characters, beginning and ending of stories. Children will start joining in by repeating repetitive phrases in stories, retelling main events of known stories and by learning and singing nursery rhymes. We will be encouraging children to distinguish between the marks they make and to give meaning to the marks they draw and paint. The children will continue self-registration when they come into Nursery. This will help children to recognise their name and the letters in it.





Mathematics:

This half term there is a focus on continuing to develop children's mathematical language. We will continue to count in ones and match quantities to numerals. We will use the language of size e.g. small, big and large. The language of quantities e.g. more, less, few and many. Also positional language e.g. on top of, in front of, behind and under.

Understanding of the World:

We will be working on learning how to operate simple equipment. Also focusing on developing skills in making toys work by pressing parts or lifting or lifting flaps to achieve effects such as sound, movements or new images. We will be learning about the different stages of bean growth, planting and observing our own beans. In Religious Studies we will be learning about Celebrations, Hinduism and Christianity.



Expressive arts and design:

The children will be joining in with their favourite songs, making up simple dances and ring games. We will continue to learn different colours, including exploring how colours can be changed. We will playing on percussion instruments, creating sounds by shaking, banging and tapping simple rhythms.

Reading:

Reading books will be sent home weekly and changed on a Thursday. It would benefit your child greatly if you could please spend some time each night reading to them and talking about their book – any feedback can be written in your child's Reading Record.

Ms Biles, Mrs Brock and Ms Wray