



Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

Reception Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term - 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Reception class.



### **Communication and Language:**

This term there will be a focus on speaking and listening. The children will be talking in simple sentences and using a variety of questions (for example who, what, where and when). Our first topic is 'All About Me'. We will be inviting children to talk about themselves, their families and share what they enjoy doing. We will also share our thoughts and feelings

through circle time sessions.

### **Physical Development:**

The children will continue to be independent in self-care and help with clothing (for example unzip their own coat). PE will be on a Wednesday morning. Throughout this term the children will be provided with lots of opportunities to develop their fine and gross motor skills.



### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development:**

This term the children will be learning school routines. The children will be learning to become more independent in the activities they choose and they are starting to express their own preferences, likes and dislikes more frequently. We will also be focusing on getting to know each other, ourselves and making friends.

### **English:**

This term we will begin to teach children reading skills using the Letters and Sounds programme. They will also begin to learn which letters represent which letter sounds and learn the letter formation. Children will be learning to recognise their name during self- registration and also learn to write their name. Also we will be focusing on some of the children's favourite stories, rhymes and songs.



### **Mathematics:**

We will be doing lots of different counting activities, recognising numbers 1 –20, learning number songs and rhymes. We will be learning to use the language of 'more' and 'fewer' when comparing two sets of objects. Also finding one more or one less from a group of up to five objects, then ten objects.

### **Understanding of the World:**

There is a focus on developing a sense of their own immediate family and relations. We will be recognising and describing special times or events for family or friends. Also commenting and asking questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world.



### **Expressive arts and design:**

This half term the children will engage in a range of creative activities and have an opportunity to try out all the different creative resources we have in the classroom.

### **Reading:**

Reading books will be sent home weekly and changed as necessary. It would benefit your child greatly if you could please spend 5 to 10 minutes each night reading to them and talking about their book – Any feedback can be written in your child's planner. Examples of how to help your child with reading: What do you think happens in the end of the story? Who is your favourite character? Did you enjoy the story? Why or why not did you like or not like the story. Your child will read with an adult in the class at least once a week. Please check your child's colour group to see which day this will be.

- Red group: Monday
- Blue group: Tuesday
- Green group: Wednesday
- Yellow group: Thursday

**Thank you.**

**The Reception Team**

**Miss Bell, Miss Simpson, Mrs Brock**