



Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School
Reception Curriculum Newsletter
Spring Term - 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back. We have a busy term ahead full of new learning and activities.



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Communication and Language:

This term there will be a focus on the children being able to maintain concentration when listening to a story, responding to what they hear, and extending their language so that they become more articulate in their conversation through topic work and through talking about their own experiences.

Physical Development:

The children will be further developing their writing skills so that they are forming letters correctly and with the appropriate pencil grip. Some activities will involve using scissors so that cutting skills improve. PE will be on a Wednesday morning.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

The children will be given opportunities to talk and share ideas in talking groups and during carpet sessions with a talk partner as this will help them to become more confident in social situations and within themselves. They will be given more responsibilities, e.g. carrying out small tasks, choosing and tidying away resources after learning time.

English:

We will be focusing on writing. We will be encouraging children to ascribe meaning to what they write. Children will be encouraged to write sentences and make attempts at sounding words out. The children will continue to develop their phonics on a daily basis recognising sounds, playing games and applying what they have learned when reading their book and activities during CIL.



Mathematics:

We will be counting and recognising numbers to 10. We will be talking about what is 1 more and 1 less than a given number. We will be singing number rhymes, which will help the children to learn the sequence of numbers. We will also be learning to add and take away for example $3+1=4$ and $6-1=5$. The

children will have the opportunities to develop their shape, space and measure understanding throughout the term. They will be ordering 2 or 3 objects by weight or height.

Understanding of the World: The children will be talking about significant events in their own experiences during news time. We will also be making use of our own gardening area planting different bulbs and seeds giving the children the responsibility of looking after them.



Expressive arts and design:

The children will begin to build a selection of new songs in relation to the topics 'Traditional tales' and 'Minibeasts'. There will be a focus on developing their creative skills through several activities e.g. colour mixing, junk modelling, and constructing different models

Reading:

Reading books will be sent home weekly and changed as necessary. It would benefit your child greatly if you could please spend 10 minutes each night reading to them and talking about their book – Any feedback can be written in your child's reading record. 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
- Purple group: Friday

Please remember if you would like to speak to the Reception staff about any questions or concerns that you may have, feel free to come in and we happily speak to you as soon as possible.

Thank you.

The Reception Team

Miss Bell, Miss Simpson and Mrs Brock