



Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

Reception Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 - 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am thoroughly enjoying getting to know the children. It is great to see that they have settled in so well and to hear the parents commenting positively about their children.

**This half term our topic is 'Bears and Animals'**



### **Communication and Language:**

This half term, children will be using a focused book to help them join in with repeated refrains and sequence key events. This will enhance the children's speaking and listening skills. Children will also be learning new vocabulary to describe story settings and characters.

### **Physical Development:**

We will provide the children with lots of opportunities to develop their fine and gross motor skills. Yoga lessons will take place every Wednesday morning and PE lessons will take place every Thursday morning.



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

Children will learn to keep play going by interacting with their peers, play in a group by being involved with setting the role play area up and to demonstrate friendly behaviour, sharing and taking turns.

### **English:**

Children will continue enhancing their reading and segmentation skills using the Letters and Sounds programme. They will be focusing on a specific book each week and will learn to join in with repeated refrains/sequencing events and describing story settings and characters. Children will continue to recognise their name during self-registration and learn to write their name.





### **Mathematics:**

In Maths we will cover learning goals within the categories Number (comparing groups of objects, counting irregular amounts), shape and space and measures (positional language, ordering size, recognising and continuing patterns) over the half term.

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

During this half term we will be learning about the habitats of bears and animals (jungle animals/farm animals/pets)



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

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 reception classroom.

### **Reading:**

Books will be changed on a weekly basis. It would be great if book bags could be brought in on a daily basis with the reading book inside. Books cannot be changed if the previous book isn't returned. Please spend reading time going over the tricky words: **to, the, no, go, I, into**

Blue group: Monday

Purple group: Tuesday

Red group: Wednesday

Yellow group: Thursday

Green group: Friday



We look forward to another great half term with your children

The Reception Team

Miss Patel, Miss Thomas, Miss Evans and Mrs Watson