Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

Reception Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term – 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a good summer break.

Communication and Language:

This term there will be a focus on speaking and listening. The children will be encouraged to talk in full sentences and using a variety of questions (for example who, what, where and when). We will also be focusing on encouraging the children to join in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events , phrases in rhymes and stories.

Physical Development:

The children will continue to be independent in self-care and help with clothing (e.g. changing into their PE clothes, putting shoes on the correct foot, unzipping coats etc.). PE will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school on a Monday, black shorts, white t-shirt and a pair of trainers. Their PE bags stay in school but clothes can be removed from bags if need washing as long as the kit is back in school on a Monday.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

In Reception children are 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. We have rolling snack, this means that fruit and healthy snacks are available to children throughout the day as well as milk and water. We will be learning how to safely cut up our fruit, learn about manners and holding cutlery correctly. Assistance in practising all of the above at home on a daily basis is very important and will help your child in developing all those skills confidently and correctly. We would welcome donations from parents and carers towards our snacks.

English:

During English we will be focusing on some of the children's favourite stories, rhymes and songs. At the moment we are learning about Owl babies, Ourselves, babies and families. We will also be focusing on missing words and phrases in known rhymes, stories and games. e.g. 'Humpty Dumpty sat on a …'.

Children are expected to recognise their names and to self-register when they come into the classroom in the mornings. It would be helpful if you

Mathematics:

We will be doing lots of different counting activities, recognising numbers 1 – 20, learning number songs and rhymes.

Understanding of the World:

There is a focus on developing a sense of their own immediate family and relations. The children will learn about growth and changes over time.

Expressive arts and design:

The children will be using representation to communicate for example drawing a line and saying 'That's me'. We will be experimenting with musical instruments and exploring the sounds that they make.

Reading:

Reading books will be sent home weekly and changed as necessary. It would benefit your child greatly if you could please spend 5-10min 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? Every child will be given a reading record that needs to be signed by the adult who has read with the child. We have ordered the records and will be given out as soon as they arrive.

Other Information

A list with the first 100 words will be given to your child next week, please ensure you work through the list with your child helping them to learn a word per day please.

From Monday 14th September children will be having lunch at school.
Please find the lunch menu and Lunch choice in their bags. It will be very helpful if you could discuss the different food choices with your child during the course of the weekend and help them choose their lunch for Monday. Please send their choice of lunch back by Monday. Children will need to be picked up at 1pm for all of next week.

Thank you very much and have a great weekend.

Ms Biles, Mrs Santos, Mrs Thoma