



Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School

Nursery Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term - 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a good seasonal break.



### **Communication and Language:**

This term there will be a focus on questioning. The children will be focusing on understanding who, what and where in simple questions e.g. Who's that? What's that? We will also be encouraging children to question why things happen and give explanations e.g. who, what, when and how.

### **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 circles and lines and can copy some letters from their name. PE will be on a Tuesday and Thursday for the morning Nursery and on a Monday afternoon for the afternoon Nursery. The children can wear plimsolls or they can go barefoot. It is appropriate that if girls are wearing dresses that they come in on a Tuesday and Thursday morning wearing black shorts under their dresses.



### **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 writing. We will be encouraging children to distinguish between the marks they make. We will also be encouraging children 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. This will include beginning to 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 flaps to achieve effects such as sound, movements or new images.



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

The children will be joining in with their favourite songs. Also joining in with dancing and ring games. The children will also be experimenting with colours. This will include exploring how colours can be changed.

### **Reading:**

Reading books will be sent home weekly and changed on a Tuesday. 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.

**Miss Bell, Mrs Brock and Miss Evans**