

Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School Reception Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term - 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Reception class. 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 talking in simple sentences and using a variety of questions (for example who, what, where and when). 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 and Friday morning. Throughout this term the children will be provided with lots of opportunities to demonstrate their fine and gross motor skills.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

This term in Reception the children will be learning school routines. This term the 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.

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 also be learning positional language as well as recognising and continuing patterns.

Understanding of the World:

There is a focus on developing a sense of their own immediate family and relations. Also looking closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change.





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 reception 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---10min 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
Purple group: Friday

Thank you.

The Reception Team
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