



Holdbrook Primary and Nursery School
Reception Curriculum Newsletter
Summer Term - 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer term. I hope you had a good break.



Communication and Language:

This term there will be a focus on the children being able to maintain concentration when listening to a story connected to our topic, 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. Children will be encouraged to speak and to organise what they are saying so that others can follow the instructions they give.

Physical Development

Pupils will continue to be independent in self-care and changing into their PE clothes, putting shoes on the correct feet, zipping and unzipping coats etc. PE will be on a Wednesday afternoon. During PE lessons we will be experimenting with different ways of moving and balancing (i.e. walking across a bench, jumping off an object and landing safely, throwing, catching and kicking different size balls). We will continue to practise holding and handling scissors and other tools safely, with increasing control. At all times pupils are reminded to hold a pencil between thumb and 2 fingers near the point, forming letters correctly and with good control.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

Children will be given different examples of when their actions affect other people through stories, discussions, role-play etc. We will talk about how we can negotiate and solve problems with our friends without aggression.

English:

In English this term there is a focus on writing. The children will be encouraged to sound out their words and to write easy sentences independently. Lots of writing opportunities will be made available to the children in connection with their interests.



Mathematics:

Reception will be weighing and playing with sand and water and talking about how much space water takes up in a container. We will also be adding and subtracting and discussing time in simple ways.

Understanding of the World: The children will complete a simple computer programme and will interact with age appropriate software.



Expressive arts and design:

The children will be creating patterns, making capes and masks out of different materials.



Reading:

Reading books will be sent home weekly and changed as necessary. It would benefit your child greatly if you could please spend 5---10 minutes 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

Miss Bell, Miss Simpson and Mrs Brock