



Nursery Newsletter



Holybrook Primary
School
January 2020



Happy New Year from Nursery



Staff in Nursery are as follows:

Mrs Kelly Baird - Nursery Teacher
Mrs Kelly Wilkinson - Nursery Nurse

Dates to Remember

School breaks up for half term Friday 14th February and returns Tuesday 25th February 2020

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all parents who donated food for our Christmas party. We had so much food we had party food the following day too. It was magical to share Christmas with your children and the looks on their faces when they saw Santa were priceless.

Nursery Library

From next week the children will be accessing the school library during school time. This is a change from children choosing a book at the end of the day. Our library days are Monday morning and Thursday afternoon. Children will need to bring their book bags on the appropriate day. Children who are full time will access the library on both days.

I have book bags in school for the children who don't have them. I will hand them out this week.

Reading books is a great way to help children develop listening skills and also develop conversation skills by talking about the pictures and what is happening in the book. The children will have access to both story books and non-fiction books.

Nursery News

Our Nursery target for this half term is for children to be able to put on and fasten their own coat and shoes.

The children have worked hard in being able to put on their own coats so the next natural step is to be able to fasten these. Children need to develop the coordination and independence to put on and fasten their own shoes in order to develop muscles in their hands for writing.

Our Jigsaw theme for this half term focuses on challenge and the importance of children being challenged. We have already talked about how challenge is good as it helps us learn new skills. Together with the children's targets and our Jigsaw theme, children will begin to take charge of their own learning and thrive on learning and achieving when new challenges are set.

Topic

This half term our topic is 'Traditional Stories'. We have split the topic into 3 so we can spend 2 weeks focusing on a key book linked to the topic. The books we are focusing on are Goldilocks and the 3 Bears, The Gingerbread Man and the 3 Billy Goats Gruff.

Children will listen to the story through staff reading books, listening to stories using the smart screen, children retelling the stories in their own words and using props to support story telling.

During our Goldilocks and the 3 Bears week the children will have opportunity to make porridge, use porridge oats in their play to support fine motor development and use the characters from the story in their play.

When we move on to The Gingerbread Man, children will be able to make their men of dough, adding features, then bake gingerbread men and make bridges during our forest school activities for the gingerbread man to cross the river. During the 3 Billy Goats Gruff the children will focus on ordering objects by size and make bridges in small world for the goats to cross. This half term in our phonics session we will be focusing on developing the children's listening skills linked to sounds we hear in our environment. This all part of Letters and Sounds, the synthetic phonics programme we use in school to teach letter sounds.

Nursery focuses on Phase One which is all about developing listening skills, using sounds, rhyme, and rhythm in words, syllables and hearing initial and final sounds. These are important skills children need to develop before they learn to recognise a letter sound.

Our maths focus is recognising shapes and naming shapes. This will be done through games, making and using shapes and looking for shapes in our environment.



And finally, please don't forget to let us know if your child is ill. You can ring us on 01274 611327

PLEASE REMEMBER! NO ONE UNDER OF THE AGE OF 16 IS ALLOWED TO PICK YOUR CHILD UP FROM NURSERY.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR 'NAMED PERSON TO COLLECT' FORM UPDATED. IF THEY ARE NOT ON THE LIST, THEY WILL NOT ALLOWED TO COLLECT YOUR CHILD!



