

Hollickwood Primary School

Reception Class Newsletter Summer 1 2017

Hello Summer!

We hope you had a lovely break.



The children had a fabulous Spring Term full of wonderful stories and learning. We are really looking forward to our summer term with the children as they develop their independence and skills.

As always, please catch us or make an appointment if you have any questions.

Kind regards

Gabi Hinc - Teacher
Emma Spiers - Nursery Nurse
Helen Green - Nursery Nurse
Anil Singh -Nursery Nurse



Some dates for your diary

Please take a note of the important dates for this term:

- **15. 5.2017** class trip to Museum of Transport.
- **16.6.2017** EYFS trip to Aldenham Park

We can only take the children on visits when parents come along to help with a group of children. If you would like to come with us on this exciting visit please let us know as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Eric Carle Class



Reading Eggs



Your child has received a login and a password for Reading Eggs. Please make sure that they explore this amazing program and practise their reading skills at home. Let us know if you have any problems in accessing Reading Eggs and we will be able to help.

Communication and Language (C&L)

Our Baby Clinic role play area this half term will inspire the children to use language as they imagine and recreate roles and experiences in new situations. They will be learning to express themselves effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs.



We will continue to tell our stories every day using story maps. We hope you enjoy hearing about these at home!



You can support your child's communicating skills by reading books with them and encouraging to retell the events without looking at the pictures.

Physical Development (PD)

This term we are continuing to learn how to control pencils and scissors. We will also learn about how we grow and what makes us healthy.



You can support your child's learning by talking about the importance for good health of physical exercise and a healthy diet.

Our PE day is Thursday. Your child must have the correct **PE kit**. This is a navy or black pair of shorts or tracksuit bottoms, a white t-shirt & plimsolls/trainers. Please ensure that their PE kit is **clearly labelled** with their name.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)

Over the term your children will continue to be encouraged to grow their mindset. They will listen to more stories about children who overcame difficulties in their lives to achieve something amazing. Our motto is:

'IT IS OK TO NOT KNOW BUT IT IS NOT OK TO NOT TRY.'

Over the term your children will also be encouraged to listen to others. What can their friends share with them? What are their friends' ideas?

We will be focusing on how to let others know what we need and want. This is a challenge as often others want something different.



You can help your child by encouraging them to give it a go when learning something new, rather than relying on your help without trying.

Literacy (L)

This term we will be focusing on writing sounds with correct letter formation and using them to write and read sentences. The children will be writing longer stories of three or more sentences.

We will also continue to work on our crocodile pencil grip - snap snap rest!



You can help your child to learn and practise reading Reception words which can be found in your child's Reading Diary. Please, read with your child every day!

Mathematics (M)

This term we will continue to learn the number bonds for 10, and learning to double and halve numbers.

Your child will also be learning about money, that coins have different values, and that pounds are higher value than pence. As the children are becoming more confident in adding and subtracting numbers we will continue to develop the skill in recording their answers, e.g. $2+2=4$. $5-2=3$.



At home encourage your child to solve mathematical tasks for you, e.g. I have 10 spoons and I took away two. How many do I have left?

Expressive Arts and Design (EXAD)

This term we will be using many different tools and resources to design and create objects. In class we will also be creating stories and plays, and we will be playing and listening to different types of music.



Encourage your child to create at home and we will be very pleased to show the creations during Show and Tell sessions.

Understanding of the World (UW)

This half term we will be learning about the importance of staying healthy. The children will learn about healthy practises, like diet and exercise. They will also continue to celebrate important events with their friends and talk about past events.



Our class loves cooking! Please share healthy recipes with us. We would love to find out about healthy meals from other countries.

A few reminders...

Please **phone** the school office or send in a note if you have arranged for **someone different** to collect your child from school. Children will not be handed over to people whom we have not been informed about.



Please ensure that children wear the **correct uniform** to school each day, which includes black shoes (not plimsolls). Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat with a hood on wet days.

Please **label your child's uniform**, including shoes. It is very difficult for children (and adults) to identify clothing if it is not named as most of the children have the same sized clothing.

Please ensure that children only have small stud earrings in their ears, other than these **no jewellery is to be worn to school**.

School newsletters are emailed home every Friday. These contain important information about events coming up in the school calendar. Please ensure that you read these so that you are up-to-date with any forthcoming events or changes.

In our classroom...

Please ensure that your child has a labelled book bag in school **every Friday**. We will change your child's reading book weekly, and send it home with a **'Reading Record Book'** for comments to and from school, but we cannot do this if they do not have their book bag.

During the day your child has access to drinking water, milk and fruit.



We create things using 'junk' in the classroom, so if you have any boxes, plastic tubs and plastic bottles please do bring them in for the children to use.

Cooking Useful websites

These websites can support your child's learning:

Phonics/reading games/Phase 2 and 3:

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-2-games.html>

Poop-Deck Pirates <http://ictgames.com/poopDeckPirates/index.html>

Phoneme Pop and many other games <http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html>

Maths games:

Cat in Japan and many other games <http://www.coolmath-games.com/>

Reception Maths <https://uk.ixl.com/math/reception>

Cooking

Each week we will be cooking different things. We are asking for a donation of **£3.50 per half term** so that ingredients may be purchased.



Class Library

Please support your child to develop an interest in books by reading the books borrowed from school with them at home. You can choose books from our library while dropping or collecting your child.

