



# Reception

## Autumn Term

Welcome to Hollyfield Primary School! We are looking forward to the year ahead and getting to know all of our new Reception children and parents.

### Homework

Your child will bring home a reading book each week in their reading folder. This is a book that they will have previously studied parts of in class with their teacher and can finish and practise at home with you. Please record the reading your child does at home in their reading record. Please see the separate letter attached directing you to videos and information explaining how reading is taught at Hollyfield to assist you in supporting your child with their reading at home.

Your child will have a pink 'word and sound' book to work through with you at home. There is a letter included on the first page which has more information about how to use this book.

We will also be giving your child a reading passport (sometimes referred to as reading challenge) to complete throughout the year. Please see the letter in your child's book bag explaining this further.

Children will need to hand their reading folders in on a **Wednesday**. We will keep them at school until **Friday**, when they will be returned to you with their new book enclosed.

Please ensure your child's reading folder is in their bag **each day**, with their reading book, reading record, reading challenge and pink word and sound book inside their folder.

*Please note – reading folders will be first sent out Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September*

### What should my child bring to school?

Your child needs a bag (preferably a school book bag as these fit in drawers in the classroom).

A named water bottle filled with water only (no squash please).

A labelled P.E. kit with blue shorts, white t-shirt and a pair of pumps.

*A school book bag, water bottle and PE kit bag are available to purchase through the school office. Please contact via phone or email to order your items and pay via your ParentPay account.*

### P.E. Kits

Please send your child's P.E. kit into school by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September if you haven't already done so. **Please ensure all items in the P.E. kit are clearly named (including each pump!)** P.E. kits will be kept in school and returned at the end of each half term to be washed. P.E. days are to be as follows:

Ladybirds and Butterflies P.E. sessions will be Tuesdays.

### The End of the Day

At the end of the school day, we will dismiss the children one at a time. If for any reason you find yourself running a little late then please contact the school office to let them know. We are very careful at home time to ensure your child is handed over safely to only people on your collection sheet. If somebody who is not on your collection sheet needs to collect your child, please either let us know in advance or contact the school office. You can add people to your collection sheet via contacting the school office at any time. We do have a list of those children who attend before and after school clubs and they are collected by the after school staff at the end of the day, under our supervision.

### Belongings

Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled including coats, shoes, gloves, pumps, lunchboxes, hats and scarves. Your child needs to wear a coat to school each day as a lot of learning takes place outside. It is very important that your child's coat is labelled as both classes share cloakroom facilities and coats may easily be mixed up. Please make sure that toys and sweets etc... are not brought into school.

### Tapestry

Thank you to those of you who have already activated your child's Tapestry account. Please check that your account is still 'active' as many accounts have 'reset' themselves over the school holidays. A new activation link was sent on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to those accounts in need of reactivation.

We will begin the term with a short topic learning all about ‘Ourselves’, learning how we grow and change. We will swiftly move onto our next topic ‘People Who Help Us’ where we will become police officers, fire-fighters, vets, chefs, dentists and doctors!

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

We will be taking on the roles of many different types of jobs through role play. The classrooms will turn into police stations, hospitals and veterinary surgeries. We will have great fun creating paintings and collages of different jobs and will learn to use equipment safely and effectively to cut and join materials together.

We will be sharing and learning new rhymes and will add movements and dance to different styles of music. We will begin to look at different instruments and how they can be played.

### **Understanding the World**

We will be getting to know our school grounds and our local area. We will talk about how we have changed since we were a baby and talk about our likes and dislikes as well as what makes us special and unique.

We will use various forms of technology to create pictures and we will control programmable toys.

### **Maths**

In Maths, we will be doing lots of counting! We will be counting objects using 1:1 correspondence. We will be recognising numbers, matching amounts to quantities and begin to develop a sense of the value of numbers through the use of practical equipment such as tens frames and Base 10.

### **English**

We teach phonics using a programme called ‘Read, Write, Inc.’ Sounds are taught in a specific order. The order these sounds are taught is as follows: Week 1 starting 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Week 1:	m	a	s	d	t
Week 2:	i	n	p	g	o
Week 3:	c	k	u	b	f
Week 4:	e	l	h	sh	r
Week 5:	j	v	y	w	th
Week 6:	z	ch	q	x	ng/nk

You will find copies of the formation rhymes we use for writing each letter in the ‘documents’ area of your child’s Tapestry account. Videos of how all of the above sounds are taught in school will shortly be available for you to view on Tapestry. Keep your eyes out for a letter explaining how, when and where to find these videos!

ahead. Please do contact a member of staff if you have any further questions about the in Reception.