



Reception

Autumn Term

Welcome to Hollyfield Primary School! It has been wonderful to get to know the children this week – they have all settled so well and we are extremely proud of them! Here are a few reminders and some information to help support you for the term ahead.

Homework

Your child will take home a reading practice book each week in their reading folder. This is a book that they will have read with an adult in school throughout the week. Please record the reading your child does at home in their reading record. There will be information in this reading folder to help you support your child with their reading at home, so do please look at this carefully and ask a member of the Reception team if you have any questions at all.

Inside the reading folder, you will also find a pink 'word and sound' book. This book is for you to work through with your child at home. There is a letter included on the first page of the book which has more information about how to use it to support your child's reading.

Reading folders are to be handed in on a **Wednesday**. We will keep these in school until **Friday** so that we can change their books. The reading folder will then be returned to you on Friday with the new book enclosed. Please do ensure your child's reading folder is in their bag **each day**, with their reading book, reading record and pink word and sound book inside.

Please note – reading folders will be first sent out Friday 16th September

Maths Homework

You will find information about your child's Maths homework on your child's Tapestry page. We aim to have Tapestry pages set up and running next week – so keep an eye on our emails for our activation link.

Belongings

Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled including caps, 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. We would also like to remind you that children are not permitted to bring toys and sweets from home into school.

P.E. Kits

Please send your child's P.E. kit into school by Friday 16th 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 as follows:

Ladybirds and Butterflies P.E. sessions will be **Fridays**.

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 by 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.

What should my child bring to school?

Your child needs a bag, preferably a school book bag as these fit in the drawers in the classroom and our reading folders fit inside them perfectly.

A named water bottle filled with water. Fizzy drinks and fruit juices are not appropriate for school.

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

Your child does **not** need to bring in a snack. Fruit is provided free of charge each day in the classrooms.

School book bags, water bottles and P.E. kit bags are available to purchase through the school office. Please contact via phone or email to order your items and pay via your ParentPay account.

Our Curriculum

We will begin the term with a topic learning all about 'Ourselves', learning how we grow and change, how our bodies work and who helps us in our community.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will:

- Learn a skeleton dance
- Create a family tree
- Learn to sing nursery rhymes
- Explore the home corner, a doctor's surgery, fruit and vegetable shop
- Create a self portrait using and mixing paint and colours accurately
- Develop our cutting, shaping and gluing techniques through a range of art activities
- Create simple representations of people, places and events by drawing and painting

Understanding the World

We will:

- Explore our school grounds and local area
- Talk about how we have changed since we were babies
- Learn about different families, traditions and beliefs
- Learn about different occupations
- Make and taste delicious foods – fruit kebabs.
- Learn about our 5 senses
- Talk about special people in our lives.
- Understand different feelings we may have

Maths

In Maths children will do lots of counting! They will count objects using 1:1 correspondence. Children will learn to recognise numbers, matching amounts to quantities and begin to develop a sense of the value of numbers through the use of practical equipment. Children will begin to develop their subitising skills. They will sort objects according to size, colour and shape as well as height and length. They will also explore repeating patterns.

English

We teach reading and writing using a phonics programme called 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised'. Sounds are taught to the children in a specific order. The order these sounds are taught is as follows:

Week 1*: s a t p

Week 2: i n m d

Week 3: g o c k

Week 4: ck e u r

Week 5: h b f l

Week 6: review all learnt sounds

* Week 1 = week beginning 12th September

More detailed information about how we teach reading and writing in Reception will be provided in your child's reading folder. This will include links to handy videos for you to refer to in order to support your child further at home.

*We are really excited get stuck into this new year and can't wait for the term ahead!
Please do contact a member of staff if you have any further questions about life in Reception.*