

HOLLINGWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nursery Parent Leaflet

Teachers: Miss Sagar/Mrs Stead/Miss McCamley

Welcome back to Nursery Oak (September starters) and Sapling (January) classes. Welcome to Nursery Seedling Class (April starters). We hope you've all had a lovely half term and are ready to get busy!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term we will be developing your child's confidence to work independently and ability to make choices for themselves. We will also continue to focus on your child working co-operatively and collaboratively with other children and adults. Sapling Class will be introduced to the Nursery routines and the names of the other children. They will be encouraged to be independent in their self-care so we ask that parents continue to support their toilet training at home.

Physical Development

Your child will continue to access the outdoor environment in order to support their need for large, open spaces and the development of physical play and the use of water outside. Please ensure that your child is adequately dressed for the outdoor area. We will also be further developing the garden area, learning how to grow and take care of the plants we have there. Sapling Class will be introduced the Forest each Friday and supported in learning how to explore the area safely and with confidence.

Communication and Language

We will continue to develop your child's speaking and listening skills. We ask that all parents support their child's individually identified language skills by working through the WellComm homework we have sent home. We also encourage parents to upload examples of the activities they have carried out onto Early Essence. Sapling Class will be encouraged to communicate through simple games and turn taking activities in play to identify their specific language needs and next steps. Keep engaging with EasyPeasy each Saturday!

Literacy

We will continue to encourage your child to write their own names by copying their name cards or writing them from memory. Please support this at home. We will be listening to well-known stories and rhymes like The Gingerbread Man and Goldilocks and the Three Bears, with the role play area being developed into the Gingerbread House. Sapling Class will be encouraged to join in with these stories but may also have their own quiet story times with a member of staff in the Quiet Room to match their level of attention and listening skills through shorter stories.

Summer 1 Once Upon a time...



Mathematics

We will continue to develop your child's counting ability, going beyond 10 and counting backwards from 5/10, where appropriate. We will also be teaching your child how to put sets and numbers together, as well as compare amounts in order for them to be confident to identify which has 'more' or 'less' etc. Some children are now confidently ordering numbers to 10 ... so we will continue to extend learning for these children as well as scaffold others to be able to do this by themselves. Sapling Class will be introduced to early counting skills through a range of play based activities.

Understanding the World

In Nursery this half term we will be encouraging your children to notice the changes to the natural environment. In the Forest, the leaves, plants and small flowers will begin to be in full bloom. We will visit the allotment and look at the range of vegetables growing. We will encourage your child to recognise growth. Sapling Class will be encouraged to name some of the plants and parts of the tress as we access the outdoor area and Forest.

Expressive Arts and Design

In Nursery, we are very keen on encouraging each child to develop their creative ability. We will encourage your child to mix their own colours and include a variety of textures in their work. We will also continue to build on the skills they have already learnt with scissor skills. In music, we will continue to learn rhymes and songs linked to the topic.

Reminders:

- We would appreciate it if you would encourage your child not to bring small toys to Nursery.
- Please dress your child appropriately for outdoor play, including a sun hat and sunglasses, when the sun finally shines!
- It is very important that your child continues to become independent i.e. dressing themselves, fastening their own coats and managing their own hygiene.
- Please remember to continue to contribute to 50Things and email us at 50Things@hollingwood.org



Personal Hygiene

Now that your child is in Nursery we hope that they are in good toileting routines. Please ensure your child is wearing underwear suitable for quick changes and are no longer wearing popper vests. We ask that a bag is on your child's peg with spare clothes, including a few pairs of knickers/underpants and socks, just in case of an accident.

If you are concerned that your child is not toilet trained, we ask that you contact your child's Health Visitor for advice.



Easy Peasy!

We hope all our families continue to enjoy Easy Peasy! Each week we have a new game to play that supports early interaction, language and social skills. We hope that you all continue to play each game to make full use of the learning opportunities within each.

A BIG thank you to our SUPER ENGAGED Mummies:



Ayesha Saleem
Nosheen Tabassum
Fakhra Akhtar
Sadyia Jawed
Titilayo Ajimoko



WellComm Language Development

In order to help your child's language journey, we send home 3 WellComm Language Packs across the Nursery year. This is a tailored programme that supports your child at the exact point in their understanding (receptive) and spoken (expressive) language development.

We are always available to speak with so please feel free to ask if you have any specific questions or concerns regarding your child's speech development.