

Holmesdale Infant School EYFS Overview Spring Term 2023

Literacy

Our key texts will be linked to the topic and will encourage children to think about the world we live in and how places are similar/different to where we live. We will be reading poetry and recapping rhyming words. We will learn about Non-Fiction texts and how to use the library. Sharing a variety of books with your child, not just story books, will help to embed this learning.

We continue to reinforce independent writing and children are encouraged to 'have a go' at putting their own ideas on paper with support. Any extra writing you do at home will greatly support them. This could be lists, stories, instructions, labels or even emails. We would love to see examples of this either in class or on Evidence Me. This really helps to encourage children to be confident in their own writing development.



Reading

Children will read each week with an adult, and new books sent home (usually on Fridays.) We may take out the blue reading folder to swap books so please make sure it is in their book bag each day, but particularly on Thursdays. Please comment on how your child reads their books with you at home on the home log sheet. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Phonics and Word Reading

In EYFS we are introducing Phase 3 Phonics this term and embedding the previous learning (Phase 2). We will run short daily booster/ re-teach sessions for some children who may need a little extra, and extension activities for those that are ready. Please just ask if you would like more information.

Please continue to complete the 'Time to Read' sheets that are sent home. If you would like any extra support or materials to help revise phonics at home, please just ask.

Maths

In Maths we are learning about numbers 1-5, then 6-10. We look at how they can be made in different ways, how they can be ordered, written, and how they are used in the environment. It would be wonderful if you could point out numbers that you see in daily life and discuss how they are being used e.g. there are 4 of us for lunch, how many plates do I need? Seeing the use of number in real-life situations reinforces the skills taught in school.

We are also learning to 'subitise'. This means knowing that there are a certain number of objects without counting them. This can be practised when playing games that need a dice. In time your child won't need to count the spots each time they throw the dice they will just know how many spots there are.



Science

Our Science focus this term will build on the previous teaching around 'Materials' and their properties. We will also be learning about different animals. Later in the term we will be investigating growing. All children will learn about how seeds grow into plants and vegetables and how we can care for them. We will be planting Sunflower seeds and monitoring how their growth. We will also be reinforcing our Science topic through a visit to Canon Hall Farm (more details to follow).

Topic

Our whole- school topic this term is 'Near and Far'. We will be looking at our world and things that are familiar to the children such as shops, cafes, post-offices etc. We will look at other countries or locations and how they differ from ours. As a whole school we will be learning about Australia. This will be reinforced by looking at aboriginal art and traditional music. It would be helpful if you have any family that live overseas or if you have had holidays or trips that your children could talk to us about.

Outdoor

As always, we try to work with the children as much as possible in the outdoor environment. Please bear this in mind when dressing your child. Please make sure they have in school; a full water bottle (**WATER ONLY**), wellingtons, a puddle suit (if possible), a sun hat/ winter hat and a warm coat or jacket.

PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS.

Hats/ scarves / gloves etc will be in the lost-property box on the trolley at the end of the day for you to collect.

PE

PE in Willow and Maple will take place every day in short sessions with a longer session on Fridays. We are now following the Real PE scheme. Your child should come to school dressed for outdoor PE on Fridays. Outdoor physical activity, games and outdoor learning will take place daily throughout the week in EYFS. Please encourage your child to be able to dress and undress themselves and to be able to manage shoes, coats and gloves independently. We are particularly focusing on children being able to fasten their own coats.



Can you help....?

We are continually updating our 'loose parts library'- we try to collect smaller items such as curtain rings, wine corks, cotton reels, large buttons, log slices etc that the children can use in as many different ways as they can imagine. If you think you may have things that we could use we would be very grateful.

As always, please do contact us with any questions or worries and thank-you for your continued support.