



# Curriculum Newsletter

Year 1/2 ~ Spring Term 2013

**Our Visual Literacy Theme is...**

Let us entertain you!

**Our PE Days are...**

Monday (Kangaroo Class), Wednesday (Caterpillar Class), Thursday (Tiger Class)

**Our Homework day is...**

Reading and Letters and Sounds every day. Additional work will be added once a week on Friday to be handed in the next Wednesday.



## Mathematical Development

Maths is divided into 5 blocks.

Block A: Counting, partitioning and calculating.

Block B: Securing number facts and understanding shape.

Block C: Handling data and measures.

Block D: Calculating, measuring and understanding shape.

Block E: Securing number facts, relationships and calculating.

Each of the 5 blocks is covered each term at a level appropriate to age and ability.

## Communication, Language and Literacy

Literacy - Poetry: Poems on a theme, pattern and rhyme. Winter Poems.

Literacy – Non – Fiction – Dictionary skills: Using a dictionary and glossary, alphabetical ordering.

Literacy Non – Fiction – Recount writing: Recount of the theatre trip.

Literacy – Fiction – Stories from fantasy setting.

Letters and Sounds (Phonics) to be taught daily.

Reading- Children will be taught reading through Guided Reading, Shared Reading and individual reading.

## Physical Development

During this term we will be covering the following areas:

Physical Development- Gymnastics

Physical Development- Dance

## Knowledge & Understanding of the World

During this term we will be covering the following areas:

Science- Light and Dark – light sources and exploring light in a variety of ways.

Science- Sound and hearing- recognising, describing and making sounds. Beginning to understand that sound travels.

History- Toys from the past – how toys have changed over time and what we enjoy playing with. Similarities and differences between modern toys and toys from the past.

ICT – E – safety – How can I keep myself safe when using the internet.

ICT – Communication – Email, how to send and reply to emails, and log in and out of an email account.

## Creative Development

During this term we will be covering the following areas:

Art- creating fantasy settings using a range of media.

Design and Technology- designing and making shadow puppets and hand puppets.

## Personal, Social & Emotional

During this term we will be covering the following areas:

RE - Special Symbols and Objects

RE – Special things in Nature

PSHE – Keeping Safe.

## Important Messages and Reminders...

Please can we remind parents to make sure that your child's name is written inside all school uniform/equipment to reduce the amount of lost property.

On PE Days please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school. Please also remember that earrings should be removed or covered with tape and that hair should be tied back for health and safety reasons.

It is really helpful if parents can continue to support children's Letters and Sounds work and reading at home and fill in yellow reading diaries every time they read with their child, whether it be their stage book, sharing book or a book from home.

There are a range of resources to help you help your child available on the school website. Visit [www.holytrinityhalstead.com/helpingyourchild](http://www.holytrinityhalstead.com/helpingyourchild)

Don't forget the Phonics morning – Wednesday January 23rd