



Curriculum Newsletter

Year 1/2 ~ Autumn Term 2012

Our Visual Literacy Theme is...

Let's Build!

Our PE Days are...

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

Our Homework day is...

Reading and Letters and Sounds every day. Literacy, Numeracy or topic work will be added once a week.



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-Non- Fiction: Labels, Lists and Captions. Designing group park and writing labels and lists for it.

Literacy-Narrative: Stories with familiar settings. Starting point is Percy the Park keeper, moving on to writing their own stories with a setting that is familiar to them.

Literacy- Non-Fiction:Instructions. Writing instructions linked to Let's Build theme.

Literacy-Narrative: Traditional and Fairy Tales. Focus on stories of Three Little Pigs and Three Billy Goats Gruff then create their own Traditional Tale.

Literacy-Poetry: Pattern and Rhyme. The House that Jack Built.

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- Ball control and manipulation.

Physical Development- Invasion Games

Knowledge & Understanding of the World

During this term we will be covering the following areas:

Science- Pushes and Pulls

Science- Sorting and Using Materials

Geography- Around our School- The local area. Exploring features of the local environment.

History- What were homes like a long time ago? Exploring what homes were like in the past and how they are different from homes today.

Creative Development

During this term we will be covering the following areas:

Art- Christmas Art

Design and Technology- Lego Workshop.

Design and Technology- Designing and Making own park using a range of materials.

Personal, Social & Emotional

During this term we will be covering the following areas:

RE-Special People

PSHE- Feelings and Relationships- Focussing on special people and how we are special.

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