



Holly Park Nursery



Spring term Newsletter

Welcome back to all of our lovely families. We hope you had a lovely holiday and it is nice to see the children getting back into routine. A big welcome to all of our new families who are joining us over the next few weeks. Please look at the Autumn newsletter on the Nursery page of the school website for extra Nursery information and reminders.

Maths in nursery (numbers and counting)

By the end of nursery we expect most children to do the following:

Fast recognition of up to 3 objects, without having to count them individually

Recite numbers past 5

Say one number for each item in order: 1,2,3,4,5

Know that the last number reached when counting a small set of objects tells you how many there are in total

Show 'finger numbers' up to 5

Link numerals and amounts e.g. showing the right number of objects to match the numeral, up to 5

We try to include these concepts in the children's play and there are lots of opportunities for children to practise these skills in all areas of the classroom. We play lots of number games and use Cbeebies Numberblocks weekly to support the children in their learning which they love!

Nursery Curriculum Day

We will be having a nursery rhyme curriculum day this term:

Tuesday 27th February is our Nursery Rhyme Curriculum Day. On this day the children will be taking part in lots of activities based on their favourite nursery rhymes.

On this day children must come to nursery dressed as an object or character from their favourite nursery rhyme. Some examples include Humpty Dumpty, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, Incy Wincy Spider, Little Miss Muffet, Wheels on the bus and Hey Diddle Diddle.

Junk Modelling and socks

The children love making models using a variety of materials and we are sure that you love receiving your child's creations (especially the really big ones).

If you have empty boxes, cartons, tubes, lids, plastic bottles, paper, card, gift bags, ribbon, string, wool etc... then we would love to take them off your hands. These can be given to any of the nursery adults.

Also if anyone has any children's socks going spare then we would love to have them as we do not have any.

Other learning this term

Throughout this term we will be talking about celebrations and looking at how different people celebrate. We will then be looking closely at Easter and learning about the Easter story. If anyone has photographs of their child celebrating a special day or time of the year with their family then please send them to the school office and ask to forward it to Miss Wood in the nursery.

Mark making

The children are always mark making. Mark making is early writing. Mark making activities include:

- Painting with water and brushes on the floor outside
 - Pushing and pulling cars through paint
 - Chalk drawing on the floor
- Making marks in playdough, salt, cornflour
- Drawing/painting on big paper on the floor

The children have been making lots of different types of marks using a variety of mark making tools and we have been encouraging the children to talk about the marks that they make.

We are now working with the children on drawing representative pictures. These are pictures that are starting to look like what they are supposed to e.g. a person with a round head, a body and lines for arms and legs. Please do not draw for your child but try to get them to think about the shapes they need to draw so that their picture is clear. If your child is drawing a car, you could ask; What shape do the wheels need to be? How many windows are you going to draw? What else do cars have on them?

We are also encouraging the children to hold their pens correctly when making marks.



Nursery places

We have nursery places available for April 24, September 2024 and January 2025. If you know of anyone who would like their child to attend Holly Park Nursery then they can find an application form on the school website. They can also email or call the school and ask for a form to be sent to them.

There is no catchment area!

Social Media

You can find Holly Park Nursery on Facebook and also on Instagram (hollypark_nursery). Here you will be able to see some of the activities that your children are doing in class. Some parents have said that showing the children photos from Instagram/Facebook encourages them to talk about the things they have been learning about. Give it a try!

Planting

We will be planting vegetables this term and we would like to plant some flowers too. If anyone has any children's gardening tools, pots/trays, soil or seeds that they do not want then we would be happy to take them off your hands!

And finally...

If you have any worries, questions or you just want to talk to a member of the nursery team about something then please do come to one of us. If it looks like we are busy email the school and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you for your continuous support!

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