

Reception



Newsletter



Hello and welcome to the Summer Term edition of our Reception Newsletter. We had a very busy Spring Term and learnt lots during our Traditional Tales topic. We learnt a variety of stories and the children are now becoming confident story tellers themselves. **Our trip to the Wyre Forest was cancelled due to the snow. This has been rearranged and will now be on 15th May.**

22nd May -

Superhero Dress up Day

To celebrate our fantastic Superheroes topic, we would like to invite the children to dress up as a their favourite Superhero or maybe even make up their own Superhero name, costume and super power. We look forward to seeing your costumes. There will be prizes for most original ideas. More details to follow.



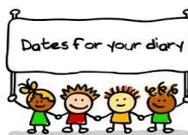
Open Evening

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the last parents evening. We had **81% attendance** across Reception. The children really do appreciate you coming into school to look at all their hard work. **Our next opening evening is Wednesday 23rd May 3.10-5.00pm.** We would love it if every child could share their work with an adult. Let's see if we can get 100% attendance!

Don't forget to check out our school website. This is continually updated. You will find all the latest information as well as photographs that will give you a feel for life at Holly Hill.

Please help to keep our school safe.

We are becoming increasingly concerned about the safety of pedestrians and the risk of damage to cars at the beginning and end of the school day. If you drive to school please park well away from the school building and make sure that you drive slowly and safely at all times.



Homework

Reading together is really important. Please remember we expect children to read their reading books and words with you every night at home.



Books will continue to be changed on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The new homework books are proving to be a real success. We have had a great response to the tasks set and it is great to see so many of you accessing the activities set on Purple Mash. Well done to everyone who completed 3 or more of the activities. Please look in your child's homework books for their new tasks.

Thank you for working with us to enable your child to reach their full potential.

PE Kits



PE takes place once a week. **Please make sure that a FULL PE kit is kept in school at all times. Label each item of clothing with your child's name.**

To reach Age Related Expectation at the end of Reception, children must be able to dress independently. That means changing clothes, fastening buttons and putting on socks and shoes. Many children still need some support to do this. Please continue to practise this skill at home.

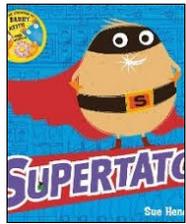
Attendance

Reception attendance from September to the end of Spring 2 was 92%. Good attendance is 96%. Poor attendance disadvantages a child's learning and can affect their ability to sustain friendships. **Please help your child to get the most out of their Nursery education by bringing them to school every day, on time.**

Tuesday 17th April - Lego Workshop
3rd May

Tuesday 15th May—Wyre Forest Trip
Tuesday 22nd May - Superhero Dress up Day
Wednesday 23rd May—Open afternoon 3:10-5pm

Wednesday 27th June— Willow Class Assembly
Wednesday 4th July—Transition Day
Wednesday 11th July—Cedar Class Assembly



Superheroes



Our topic this term is Superheroes We will be learning some stories using Big Books. This will allow the children to apply their phonic knowledge in context and continue to develop their love for reading.

In **phonics** the children will continue to learn the remaining Phase 3 phonemes and digraphs. Before moving onto Phase 4 where we will be learning consonant blends and clusters. We will continue to read and write captions and move towards simple sentences. The children will continue to practise reading and spelling the Phase 3 tricky words and learn the Phase 4 tricky words too. **Please continue to support us by reading these at home every night.**

Phase 3 Sounds											
j	w	x	y	z	zz	qu	ch	sh			
th	ng	ai	ee	igh	oa	oo	oo	ar			
or	ur	ow	oi	ear	air	ure	er				

Phase 2, 3 and 4 Tricky Words		
Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
1	he	said
no	she	have
the	we	like
to	me	so
go	be	do
into	you	some
	are	come
	her	little
	was	one
	all	were
	they	there
	my	what
		when
		out.

In **Maths** we will be solving problems. We will be exploring numbers practically through doubling, halving and sharing. We will continue to add and subtract, order and recognise numbers up to 20. We will be exploring capacity and become superhero's ourselves by solving maths problems to set the superheroes free. We will also be using time and money to complete different challenges. We will learn how we can use money to buy things and how we can measure periods of time by counting, using timers and stop watches.

Our Christian Values underpin all that we do. The children will be taught our values in the following ways this half term:

Joy: The children will learn through stories how Jesus gave joy to others by performing miracles. They will discuss the powers that Jesus had and how to some, he was a Superhero. The children will learn that joy is a feeling of inner happiness.

Thankfulness: The children will learn how to be thankful for our world. They will discuss all if the different ways we can show thanks and use them to make their world a better place.

Respect: The children will learn how to show respect to each other and to their environment. We will learn about the wider world and how we can look after it. Through stories we will learn how Jesus treated everybody with respect and how he taught others to be respectful.

Tolerance: The children will learn about acceptance and how to tolerate different feelings and beliefs. Through stories from the bible they will learn how Jesus showed tolerance and accepted everybody.

Hope: The children will learn about hope through stories and different activities. The children will hope for new plants to grow. During RE they will plant seeds and learn how to take care of them and help them to grow. This will help them to show respect for their world. They will learn about having hope when things are hard through the 'SuperTato' stories.

Gentleness: The children will use what they already know about gentleness to care for their environment and the world around them. They will continue to follow our golden rule "We are gentle." They will also be taught how it is important to be gentle when playing 'Superhero' games.