

Holly Group

Dear Parent,

In this flyer you will find information about some of the topics we will be working on this term, and ways in which you can support your child's learning at home. There is also a timetable and a list of related requirements.

Our topic this term is **Animals**

What we will do in school...

Humanities

We will be looking at animals and where they live. We are going to have a great visit to Whipsnade zoo, where we will enjoy looking at a range of animals. We will spend time looking to the past and looking at dinosaurs; dinosaur books and dinosaur programmes..

English

We will be sharing Animal stories both from a book and on Youtube; 'Jolly Olly Octopus', 'Over in the Meadow', and 'There's a hole in the bottom of the sea' We will be working on recalling the stories and describing our favourite parts.

Art and DT

During the summer term we will be looking at textiles. We are going to look at a range of materials and compare them. We will then be experimenting with some sewing of our own.

PSHE

We will help the children to recognise their feelings, describe how they feel, and explain that a range of emotions is ok, including being sad.

Maths

We will practise counting up to 100 in 1's and 10's. We will be measuring, looking at length and capacity, positional language and size.

What you could do together at home...

Look at a range of animals, and talk about where they live, what they eat and what they look like.

Watch Harry and the bucketful of dinosaurs. Read stories and information books about dinosaurs.

All stories have versions on YouTube - you can search for them on Barefoot Books. The children really enjoy listening to the stories and the visuals make the stories come to life.

Explore and describe a range of textures with your children e.g. feel faux fur, rough velcro and soft brushed cotton.

Talk about emotions and label them. Explain that it is ok to be sad, happy or worried. Talk through problems and try to find a resolution.

Talk about size: describe the difference between big and small clothes, plates, cups, vehicles etc. Use positional language e.g. describe moving toys and teddies on, under, next to or behind other objects.



Swimming

Holly Group have now finished swimming for this academic year.



PE - every Tuesday

Please send a PE kit (any comfortable shorts and T-shirt) in a bag to keep in school. We will send it home every half-term for you to wash.

Spare Clothes

Your child will have opportunities to engage in sensory activities including messy play with water, sand, paint, etc. Although the children are encouraged to wear aprons, accidents do happen! Please send a spare set of clothes for your child in case they should need to change.



Home-School Book

We will try to write in the home-school book every day to let you know what your child has been doing, what they have eaten, how they have been, and anything else we think you would like to hear about their day. We will also put important letters in the book.
Please read the book every day.

Please feel free to write what your child has been up to at home, any new achievements and any concerns or questions you may have. If your child has missed breakfast, or had a bad night's sleep - please let us know so that we can care for them accordingly.

Lucy

And the Holly Team - Jane, Vanessa, Donna & Adi