Holly Class
Autumn 2 Newsletter
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Holly Class Staff







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Welcome back, Holly Class!

We hope you all had a wonderful and restful half-term break. It has been lovely welcoming the children back, and we are excited for all the learning and adventures that this term will bring.

As we move through this term, we are entering a magical time of year filled with excitement, from the sparkle of fireworks celebrations to the build up to Christmas festivities.
We look forward to sharing these special experiences with the children.

This term our book is…



In Literacy, we will be going on a wonderful sensory adventure with our story *Whatever Next!*. Through a range of engaging sensory experiences, the children will explore the sights, sounds, textures and movements from Baby Bear's journey to the moon. Story sessions will encourage curiosity, anticipation and engagement as pupils interact with sensory props, music, objects and themed activities linked to the story. We will also continue developing our pre-writing skills through exciting hands-on activities such as messy play, mark-making, dough play, sensory trays and fine motor challenges to strengthen hands and fingers.

Our Numeracy learning will be packed with sensory exploration as we investigate numbers, patterns and shapes. Children will have opportunities to explore number concepts through songs, sensory counting activities and interactive games. We will discover patterns through lights, movement, sounds and different materials, while shape recognition will be developed through hands-on exploration, sorting activities and shape hunts both indoors and outdoors.

In Science, we will be becoming seasonal explorers! Using all of our senses, we will investigate the changes happening in the world around us. Children will enjoy feeling different weather conditions, exploring natural materials, listening to seasonal sounds and observing changes in plants, trees and wildlife. Outdoor sensory experiences will help bring our learning to life and encourage curiosity about the natural world.

Communication will remain at the heart of everything we do throughout the day. We will provide a rich sensory environment with meaningful opportunities for pupils to communicate their preferences, make choices, request favourite activities and engage with others. We will support every child to develop their individual communication skills, confidence and independence.

Whole School Diary Dates

Please refer to the attached document detailing Whole School Diary Dates.

Food and nutrition – Please log into your ParentPay account where a payment item has been raised. We would appreciate it if you could make a voluntary contribution.

Key Class information

Please send in any snacks/ drinks for your child.

Monday	Sensory story
Tuesday	Cookery
Wednesday	4D room
Thursday	Library
Friday	Sensory room

Please ensure you send in clothing and footwear suitable for above activities.

Keeping in touch

Please continue to use the Home/School book or Tapestry to inform us of any important information relating to your child.
We will check it every day but please log into Tapestry for your daily class update.
Don't forget to add any home experiences to Tapestry as this provides us with a valuable link to home.
Any absence or to notify us of a medical appointment or for general enquiries please email:
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