

# Holbeck Class Newsletter

SPRING 2



## CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

WOW, can you believe we are half way through the school year already?! The children have grown so much in confidence and independence (and height!), and love showing off their new skills and learning. Some favourites from the last half term have been Science Tots (what budding scientists we have!), getting to use our outdoor area and a fun-filled Valentine's disco to end the term. We are also so pleased with everybody's reading and phonics progress and hope they have got on well with their new book level over half term.

Our topic for the new half term is '**Fairy Tales**' and you can find all of the information about what we will be learning on our topic web attached.

We have many exciting activities coming up in the run up to Easter so don't forget to check out the dates for all of these below and add them to your calendars!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### February

- **24 Feb:** Children return to school.

### March

- **03 Mar:** Guide Dogs UK visit school.
- **06 Mar:** World Book Day (character dress up- £1, potato book character competition- 50p).
- **06 Mar:** Parent consultations 3:30pm-6:30pm.
- **07 Mar:** Reception children National Child Measurement Programme.
- **07 Mar:** Parent consultations 1:00pm-3:30pm.
- **10-14 Mar:** British Science Week.
- **14 Mar:** Lambs visit Holbeck.
- **21 Mar:** Red Nose Day (order red noses before 28th Feb on Arbor £2, 80's-themed dress up).
- **26 Mar:** Mother's Day afternoon tea (2:30pm)

### April

- **01 Apr:** Easter service (St Mary's church 2pm)
- **03 Apr:** Easter 'egg' decorating competition.
- **04 Apr:** INSET day- school closed to pupils.
- **04-21 Apr:** Easter holidays.
- **22 Apr:** Pupils return to school.

## REMINDERS

**P.E. DAY IS FRIDAY. THIS HALF TERM IS BASIC MOVEMENT SKILLS AND CHILDREN NEED THEIR OUTDOOR KIT PLEASE.**

**RHINO WORDS ARE TESTED ON THURSDAY.**

**BIGS RHINO WORDS CAN BE FOUND ON TAPESTRY**

**LITTLES RHINO WORDS ARE STUCK ON THE BACK PAGE OF THEIR DIARIES.**

**READING BOOKS ARE CHANGED ON FRIDAY.**

- Please ensure that children bring their reading books and diaries to school every day.
- Please send a water bottle with your child daily.
- Continue to label ALL belongings (particularly if your child has had a growth spurt and you've bought new clothes/shoes!)
- A gentle reminder that toys and teddies should not be brought into school at all.
- Make sure you have booked a parent consultation meeting.

## OUR LEARNING THIS HALF TERM

### PHONICS

**Littles:** Children will spend this half term recapping and consolidating their level 3 digraphs, trigraphs and tricky words. They will focus on improving their blending for reading and segmenting for spelling. We will also focus on letter formation.

**Bigs:** (Sounds) ue (/yoo/ & /oo/), ew (/yoo/ & /oo/), y (/ee/), aw & au (/or/), ow and oe (/oa/), wh.  
(Tricky words) many, laughed, because, different, any, eye, friend, also, once, please, live, coming.

*For information on our subject-specific curriculum learning this half term, see our new topic web.*

## VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to listen to our children read and/or help with baking on **Tuesdays** or **Fridays**. Please let staff know if you can help.

## CONTINUOUS AND ENHANCED PROVISION

Based on our topic '**Fairy Tales**', our indoor and outdoor provision will focus on a different traditional tale each week. The children will be immersed in each story through a variety of exciting activities and challenges.

