

Holbeck Class Newsletter

SPRING 1



CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to welcoming all of our wonderful children back into the classroom for 2025. Our new topic is '**Around the World**' and you can find all of the information about what we will be learning on our topic web attached.

Exciting news! Our outdoor area is being re-surfaced within the first week back, allowing us to set up our new outdoor provision for the children to use.

This half term, we are lucky to have Nina Williams from 'Science Tots' provide weekly extra-curricular exciting science sessions for the children. See separate letter for more information about this.

Our new, indoor cloakroom is now ready to use. Children will now need to be dropped off & collected from the white door at the far end of the main playground, labelled Holbeck Class (the same entrance we used during the external fence work).

UPCOMING EVENTS

January

- **06 Jan:** Children return to school.
- **10 Jan:** Cuckney's Got Talent Auditions.
- **10 Jan:** Science Tots begins (for 6 weeks).
- **31 Jan:** Cuckney's Got Talent.

February

- **13 Feb:** F2 & KS1 Valentine's Disco (3:15-4:15pm)
- **14 Feb:** Break up for half term (1 week).
- **24 Feb:** Children return to school.

This half term, Year 1 children will begin maths challenges on a Friday each week.

These will consist of 'Big Maths, Beat That' and 'Level Up! Times Tables'.

The children will complete a baseline this week to find their starting point.

Practise materials can be found on our class webpage.



REMINDERS

P.E. DAY WILL NOW RETURN TO FRIDAY. THIS HALF TERM IS GYMNASTICS AND CHILDREN NEED THEIR INDOOR KIT PLEASE.

RHINO WORDS ARE TESTED ON THURSDAY. SEE TAPESTRY FOR THEIR WORDS. 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!)
- Please refrain from letting the children play in the Holbeck outdoor area, particularly the pirate ship, before and after school. As the weather gets warmer the park/field is a great place to socialise with classmates after school.
- **Littles only** - Please send in your £3 cash contribution for baking for the spring term as soon as you are able.

OUR LEARNING THIS HALF TERM

PHONICS

Littles: (Sounds) ai, ee, igh, oa, oo (moon), oo (book), ar, ure, er, revisit all level 3.

(Tricky words) no, go, I, the, to, all level 3 recap.

Bigs: (Sounds) i_e, o_e, u_e (/yoo/), u_e (/oo/), e_e, ou, long vowel sounds (a, e, i, o, u), ch (/c/), ch (/sh/), ir.

(Tricky words) people, looked, called asked, water, where, who, why, thought, through, work, house.

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

CONTINUOUS AND ENHANCED PROVISION

Based on our topic '**Around the World**', our indoor and outdoor provision will focus on a different country each week. The children will be immersed in each country through a variety of exciting activities and challenges. We will begin the term preparing for our travel around the world by creating passports, deciding what to pack in our suitcases and visiting the airport ready for take off! Our role play area will transform into a travel agents for children to organise their very own trips too.

