

Spring Term in Holly Class



Spring 1

English

- ▶ Your child will be introduced to a range of non fiction books on our theme of Animals and Dinosaurs
- ▶ We will also read books about different cultural celebrations, such as Chinese new Year and Valentines Day
- ▶ Children will develop their listening and attention skills and begin to understand the features of non fiction texts
- ▶ They will be writing for a variety of purposes e.g. fact files, research writing and descriptions of animals and dinosaurs

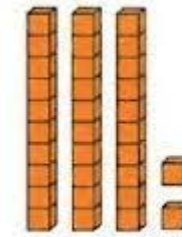
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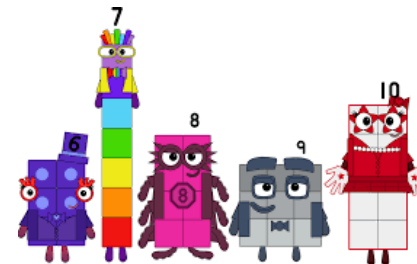
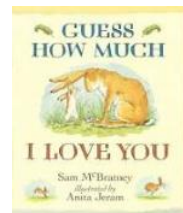
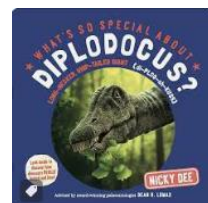
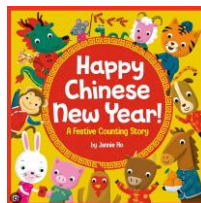
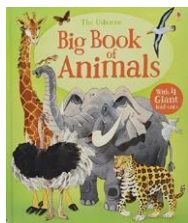
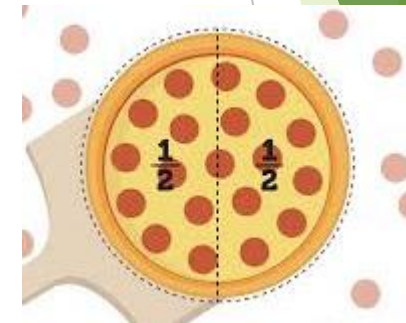
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- ▶ Addition and Subtraction
- ▶ Length and Height
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Reception

- ▶ 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10
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Spring 1 Topic - Animals and Dinosaurs

Topic

- ▶ We will identify and name common animals, and group them according to their similarities
- ▶ We will learn about animal habitats and their basic needs
- ▶ We will explore pattern and print using different mark making tools
- ▶ We will look at the work of the artist Rousseau to inspire our own artwork
- ▶ We will talk about how we have grown and changed since we were babies

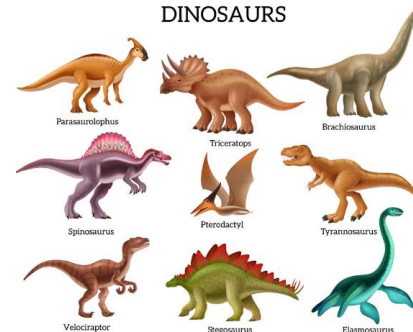


Life skills - Cooking

- ▶ Cooking and tasting different types of pasta
- ▶ Tasting couscous - making our own recipe
- ▶ Chinese New Year stir fry and prawn crackers
- ▶ Valentines biscuits



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Spring 2

English

- ▶ Your child will enjoy a range of stories based on our topic Farm and Food
- ▶ They will describe settings and characters and make predictions about what might happen next
- ▶ Children will become familiar with story language to role play and retell
- ▶ Children will write in a variety of ways: story sequencing, writing in role as a character, writing recipes etc.
- ▶ They will learn songs and rhymes about different types of fruits and vegetables

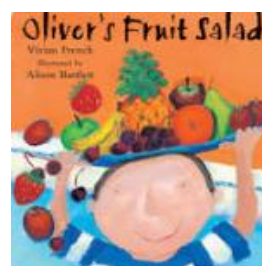
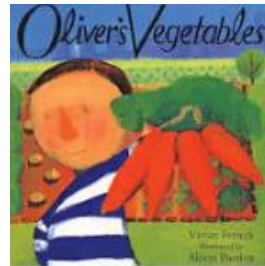
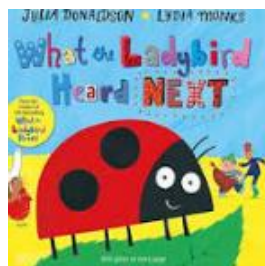
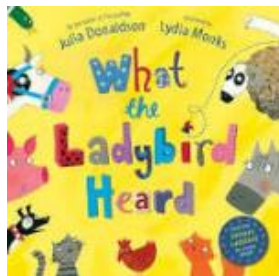
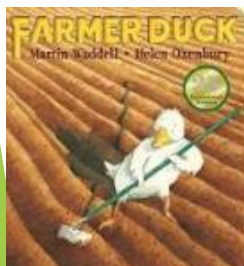
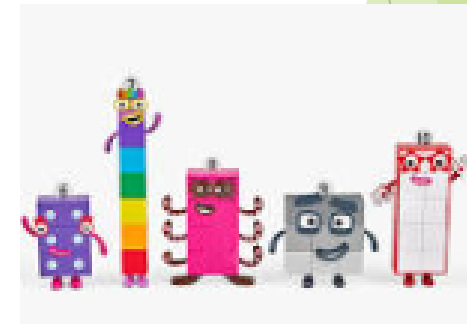
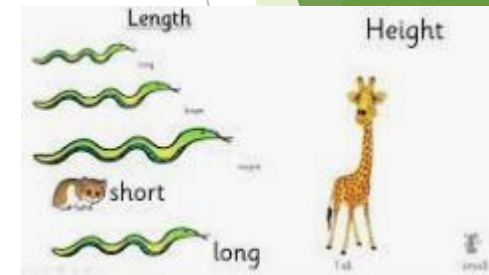
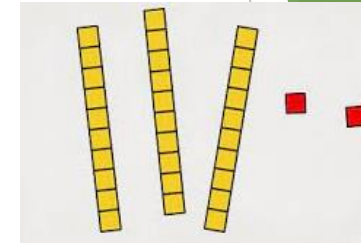
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Spring 2 Topic - Farm and Food

Topic

- ▶ In Science we will look at different plants and name them. We will learn how they grow and what they need to grow. We will plant our own seeds, care for it and watch it grow.
- ▶ We will also learn about food chains and what humans need to eat to grow and stay healthy.
- ▶ We will learn about farming in the past and different land uses. We will also look at farm machinery and how it has changed over time.
- ▶ We will draw fruit and vegetables and explore shading.
- ▶ In Computing we will learn how to type on a computer and how to change the text, font and layout.



Life skills

- Pancakes
- Buying ingredients
- Making fruit salad
- Bread rolls
- Make butter
- Making soup
- Mothers Day cooking - cupcakes



Therapies

Speech and language therapy and occupational therapy activities take place in Holly class every day with the ELP staff. We work on your child's individual EHCP targets on a daily basis.

► Occupational Therapy

- Fine motor skills taught through TEACCH, sensory play and early writing activities.
- Gross motor and proprioception activities taught through action songs and rhymes, yoga, sensory circuits and PE lessons.
- Life skills to develop independence skills e.g. support with toileting and hygiene, dressing, using cutlery, eating a range of foods and road safety.

► Speech and Language Therapy

- Bucket time and Attention Autism
- Turn taking games
- Small world and imaginative play
- Makaton
- Vocabulary
- Following instructions e.g. recipes, rules for a game

- Visits and advice from the Speech and Language Therapists on a regular basis

Home learning and useful links

- ▶ Encourage your child to ask questions and talk through what they are doing.
- ▶ Real life skills - independently getting dressed, using a knife and fork, brushing their teeth, helping you to cook (mixing, chopping, weighing etc.), watering plants in the garden etc.
- ▶ Read daily - not just the school reading book. One from home or from the library is just as good. Children often like stories repeated to them so be prepared to read the same story a few times!
- ▶ Completing homework - try to do a couple of activities a week. We offer online Maths and Reading activities tailored to your child.
- ▶ Go outdoors - visit the park, go for a Spring walk in the woods, walk to the shops or go on a bus or train journey

National Autistic Society

<http://www.autism.org.uk/>

Parents in Partnership

<http://www.pipcroydon.com/>

Please have a look on the school website for more organisations that may be useful.