



Howden Church Of England Infant School
Foundation Stage Two
Spring 2 2021

This term we are learning about ... **Toys!**



The foundation stage framework is a unique curriculum where children are encouraged to explore the world around them through active learning and play based experiences both indoors and outdoors.

If your child comes home and says they have been “just playing” you know that they have been having fun and learning.

The curriculum has three prime areas (Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development and Communication and Language) and four specific areas (Mathematics, Literacy, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design)

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we encourage the children to grow in their maturity and independence when tackling challenges and solving their own problems. We continue to work towards our golden rules as well as helping others. During keyworker time, the children will be learning about British Values of respect, tolerance, democracy and the rule of law.

Independent challenges

Can you choose your own activities?

Can you follow the golden rules?

Communication and Language

This term we want children to confidently retell stories in order including details about characters, settings and events. We will be developing listening, attention, understanding, following instructions and concentration.

Independent challenges

Can you retell a story in the right order?

Can you talk about the characters, settings and events in a story?

Can you follow instructions?

Physical Development

This term, we will be practising our ball skills and playing simple games in small groups. We will be practising forming letters and numerals correctly using a pencil and a tripod grip. Now is a good time to become more independent when dressing/ undressing e.g. putting on your own socks, having a go at fastening zips and buttons.

Independent challenges

Can you fasten your coat?

Can you write your name with correct letter formation?

Literacy

As we progress through and consolidate phase 3 the children will become more confident applying digraphs within words when they read and write as well as recognising the tricky words. We will continue to practise letter formations including naming the capital letter as well as the phoneme.

We will enjoy stories about robots, bears, toys, spring, Easter, pancakes etc.

Independent challenges

Can you write the sounds we have done in phonics?

Can you spell the tricky words?

Can you letters with the correct formation?

Can you give the name and sound of a given grapheme?

Mathematics

In maths, we will start looking at numbers beyond 10, focusing on 1 more and 1 less than a given numbers, using part-part-whole diagrams and talking in full sentences about their work. We will practise writing numbers with correct formation and remember the number formation rhymes.

We will continue to look at 3D shapes and their properties. We will be exploring time further and we will be measuring and comparing toys.

Independent challenges?

Can you talk about the 3d shapes and make comparisons to 2d shapes?

Can you write numbers with the correct formation?

Can you say 1 more or 1 less than a given number?



Understanding the World



As the term progresses we will be looking for signs of Spring approaching, looking at bulbs, buds on the trees and for signs of new life. In RE we will be thinking about special places to the children and local buildings in Howden. We will be looking at the changes to ingredients when baking and cooking and also talking about the things that we see as we plant seeds and watch them grow.

Independent challenges

Can you talk about signs of Spring?

Can you talk about why we celebrate Mothering Sunday and Easter?

Can you talk about the changes to ingredients when baking / cooking?

Expressive Arts and Design



The children will be using a variety of media to draw from observation spring flowers. We will be continuing to build upon our skills to paint toys, houses and buildings in Howden and some British landmarks. As part of our Easter and Mothering Sunday celebrations we will be making cards and doing Easter craft activities. We will learn Easter songs to sing as part of our Easter celebrations in school.

Independent challenges

Can you draw a representation of a spring flower ?

Can you paint a picture of a toy

Can you make a toy with moveable arms and legs?

Can you sing the Easter songs?

Parent Partnership

Thank you to all the parents who are working hard to support your children's learning at home!
You are doing a great job and we really appreciate seeing all of the great activities!

Thank you

Mrs McCarthy and Miss Luckins

