

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

This term we are learning about ... **Celebrations**



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

Now the children are more familiar with school routines, we are encouraging them to expand their friendships and always make good choices with their behaviour. We will be using Elmer stories to think about respecting each other's differences. We will be encouraging children to try new things and not give up when they find activities tricky and maintain concentration to complete an adult directed activities.

Independent challenge

Can you make a new friend?

Can you follow the golden rules?



Communication and Language

This term we want the children to expand their vocabulary e.g. words associated with special times (Bonfire Night, Christmas, etc) We will also be encouraging children to speak clearly in



sentences during our key worker sessions. We are looking forward to using the poetry basket and story basket to develop our listening skills.

Independent challenges

Can you retell a special event?
Can you use some new words?

Physical Development

As we learn our letters we will practise forming our letters and numbers correctly. We will be exploring moving safely using our outdoor area. As the weather changes we will now practise putting on our warm winter clothes by ourselves. We will also develop our fine motor skills as we practise cutting and sewing to make our cards and calendars for Christmas.

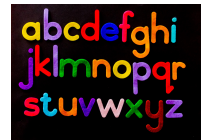


Independent challenges

Can you fasten your coat?
Can you write your name with correct letter formation?

Literacy

As our phonics sessions continue we will be improving our reading and writing skills by practising blending and segmenting. We will be recording letters to write simple words and phrases. We will be reading and talking about stories and looking at lots of stories written by Julia Donaldson.



Independent challenges

Can you recognise the sounds we have done in phonics?
Can you read the tricky words?
Can you retell your favourite Julia Donaldson story?

Please use the letter formation power point to practise forming letters at home - posted on google classroom

Mathematics

In mathematics we will be using number names in songs and rhymes, counting, subitising, partitioning numbers and talking about number pairs. This term we will be exploring weight, capacity and length in our continuous provision areas. We will be using pennies to play with in the role play cafe and figuring out the best way to wrap our Christmas presents.



Independent challenges?

Can you count the pennies?
Can you count forwards and backwards and count on from a given number?



Understanding the World

As the term progresses we will be looking for signs of the changing seasons. We will celebrate special times such as our holidays, bonfire night, Remembrance Day, Children in Need, Advent and Christmas. We will be sharing Diwali celebrations.

We will observe changes as we make popcorn and during our baking activities.

Independent challenges

Can you talk about signs of winter?

Can you describe the changes that have taken place as we baked?

Can you talk about special times?



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be exploring colour through our art work, looking at how colours can be mixed and changed. We will use lots of different colours as we paint and weave based on the stories of Elmer. We will perform familiar Christmas songs and use a range of tools and materials as we prepare to decorate our classrooms for Christmas.

Independent challenges

Can you make a simple representation of the Nativity scene?

Can you explore mixing different colours?

Parent Partnership

We are really looking forward to receiving the 'proud cloud moments', autumn holiday news and the 'let's celebrate' sheets into school that we sent home with your child before the half term break. We share these at school with the children and always value these contributions to add to your child's learning journey.

Do keep an eye on the Google Classroom page and look out for things in your child's bookbag, which you can use to help support their learning at school.

