

## Reception Discovery Newsletter Autumn 2 2020

Welcome back to another very busy but exciting half-term in your child's first year at Hoole. We wanted to say a big thank you for all your support in the first term. Your children have settled beautifully and we are so proud of them. They have brought us lots of joy!

We have lots of exciting things planned this half term, on the lead up to Christmas. It is always an enjoyable one and even though things are a little different this year, we will ensure we still make it magical for our children.

This half term our topics are Bonfire Night, Remembrance, WW2, It Me, 1, 2, 3! and Christmas (we've got a lot to fit in!). Alongside planning from your children's interests and all the other exciting things we have planned in as a school. Phew!



For more information about our teaching in maths, literacy, expressive arts and design, understanding the world and RE, see our topic web on the website. Our topic web can be viewed on the school website under - Classes - Discovery - what's new?

### The Early Years Curriculum:

We will continue to focus on developing your child's skills in the prime areas of learning; Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and language development and Physical development. Please see our topic web on the website for more information.

### Reading

Your child will continue to listen to stories daily. They will be listened to read on a regular basis and will also have two group reading sessions a week. As the children learn so much from hearing adults read to them, we will continue to read a variety of texts (stories, poems, non-fiction texts, rhymes and fairy/traditional tales) and develop their love of reading. We ask that you support this at home by listening to your child read every night and then record this in the reading record book. Please write a positive comment which we can re-iterate with your child. Then, add any additional comments you wish for us to see about your child's reading e.g. If you think your child needs to re-read this book; if there are any words your child has had difficulty with. **It is vital that your child reads every day at home.** We will continue to change books on a Monday and a Thursday if your child's reading folder is in school, so please send it in. Those children who bring their book in a book bag, please remind them to put their bag in the book box (we remind them too!).

### Phonics

We will continue our daily phonics lessons every day and send sound homework, every Friday on Dojo/Google Classroom, linked to the graphemes taught. Thank you for all the lovely posts on your child's portfolio for homework last half term. We love seeing what you are doing at home! ☺ For additional information on what phonics is see <https://www.theschoolrun.com/what-are-phonics-phases>

### Homework in EYFS

As per our homework policy, which can be viewed on our website, homework for Reception should take no longer than 1 hour per week. It will consist of:

- daily home reading book

- sound homework; a copy of the graphemes taught that week and some ‘tricky’ word activities (linked to phonics phases) or spelling related work.
- Handwriting
- Weekly Homework Grid linked to the EYFS curriculum

These are all suggested activities (you can cherry-pick, which you choose to do) but **please complete the things you feel appropriate for your child and post to your child’s portfolio on Dojo**. The things we send home consolidate our learning in school and the children really benefit when they spend time with you doing it.

#### Google Classroom reminder -

**Please log on so your child will be able to access home learning should we need to close our bubble/school. Any problems with getting on just let us know and we will help. Thank you to all those who are on already.**

**P.E : Please ensure your child has their labelled PE kit in school and that their pumps are a good fit!**

- **Wednesday** : Mr Picther’s PE!
- **Daily:** Daily 10 minute run/play

**Forest Schools** - Our forest schools sessions have begun! Wednesday afternoons we will be our slot in the forest with Mrs Gibson and Mrs Patel.

As always, we are here if you need us. We know the restrictions at drop off and picks ups have made conversations very brief, but please Dojo or ask us to give you a call if you have any worries or concerns. Our Class Dojo is checked and updated regularly so we will respond to messages as quickly as we can.

Mrs Mesghali and Mrs Lever