



# Foundation Stage 2 Newsletter Autumn 1 2017

**Welcome to Holt House!**

**We are sure that your child will be very happy at Holt House.**

**This half term we will be learning about 'Ourselves' and the transition into our new school. We will be learning all about our new routines and will spend a lot of time getting to know each other. We will also be celebrating Eid-al-Adha and Harvest.**

## **Personal, social and emotional development.**

We will be focusing on:

- Belonging to a new group.
- Becoming more aware of our own needs and feelings .
- Looking after our new classroom and the other children.
- Responding appropriately to new experiences and becoming more independent.



## **Communication and Language development.**

We will be focusing on:

- Listening and joining in with stories and rhymes
- Responding appropriately to instructions
- Taking turns in conversation about ourselves and our families

## **Physical development**

We will be focusing on:

- Running, jumping and throwing activities
- Holding a pencil correctly
- Holding and using scissors correctly
- Undressing and dressing ourselves for PE

### **Literacy**

We will be focusing on re-telling stories, writing our names and learning the letter sounds and names. We will be singing and saying lots of nursery rhymes.

### **Numeracy**

We will be focusing on recognising and counting using numbers and using the language 'more' and 'fewer'.

### **Expressive arts and design**

We will be learning and singing new songs. We will be learning how to mix colours when painting and how to create drawings of people, places and objects.

### **Understanding the world**

We will be finding out about our own and other children's cultures. We will be using a mouse and a keyboard on the computers to complete programs.

*Please make sure your child has a water bottle, a PE kit, a book bag and a coat in school every day.*



### Important dates for your diary:

PARENTS/CARERS CONSULTATIONS: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October (12.45-5.45):

- Please make an appointment to come and talk to your child's class teacher about how they are settling in to school. (Nearer the time a list will go up on the classroom door for you to sign up for a convenient time.)

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October:

- We will be having our Harvest Celebration for children in school.

October:

- As part of our topic on Harvest, we will be walking to Tesco on Abbeydale Road. If you are able to accompany us, please see your child's class teacher. (Date to be confirmed)

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> October:

- Music week. We will be learning all about different types of music and composing our own songs in class.

### Communication between home and school.

You will soon receive your child's Home School Diary. Every morning, it needs to go in one of the boxes outside the classroom. It is an important means of communication between home and school.

Please write in the home/school diary every night when you have listened to your child read/read to your child. Or perhaps your child will have done some other learning at home - please record this in the home-school diary.

You can change your child's reading book in the mornings between 8.40-8.50 (the teachers do not change the reading books). Your child's teacher will let you know when your child is ready to choose from the next basket by writing it in your child's home/school diary.



Thank you for your support.