

Welcome to the Foundation Stage at Holden Lane Primary School



What is the Early Years Foundation Stage?

- ▶ The EYFS document combines Early Years and Foundation Stage. This creates a National Curriculum for children age 5 and under.
- ▶ All areas of learning are reflected inside and outdoors.

Meet the Staff!



Mrs Bould



Mrs Richardson



Mr Gibson



Mrs Parkinson



Mrs Heasman



Mrs Roberts



Miss Smith

PSED

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- ▶ Making friends
- ▶ Learning daily routines
- ▶ Understanding boundaries
- ▶ Forming relationships with adults.



PSED - How can you help?

- ▶ You can help by encouraging your child to use the toilet independently, wash their hands, put on and fasten their coats.
- ▶ Playing games which encourage sharing and turn taking will help your child to build their social skills.



Physical Development

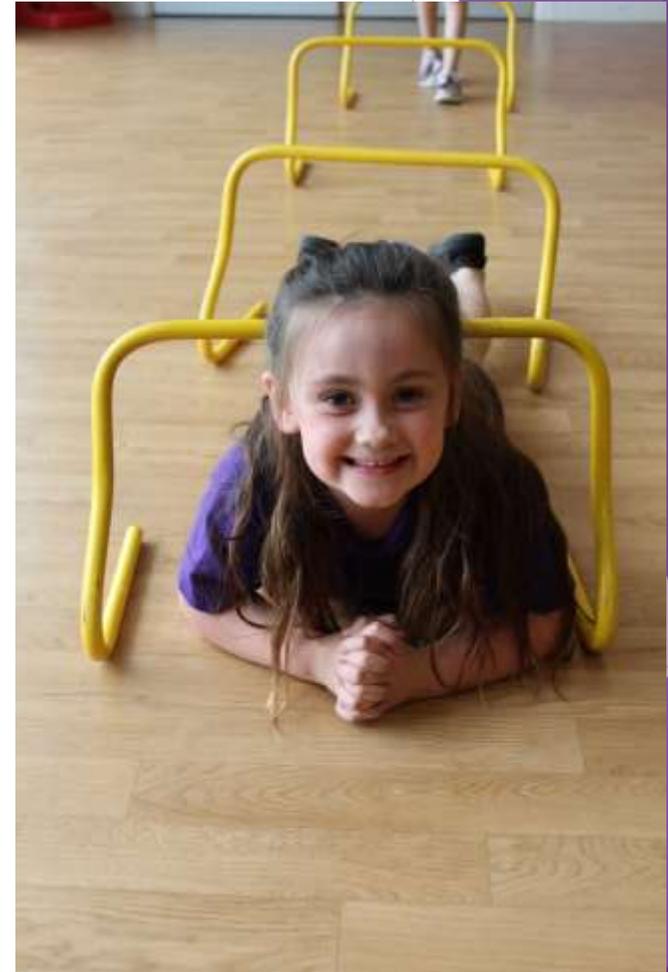
Developing fine and gross motor skills through activities such as:

- ▶ Mark making with chalks, paint etc.
- ▶ Manipulating materials such as play dough.
- ▶ Pencil control activities, learning how to write letters using the correct formation.
- ▶ PE lessons - getting changed too!
- ▶ Putting on own shoes and coats.
- ▶ Daily use of our outdoor equipment.



Physical Development - How can you help?

- ▶ Give children time to run, jump, climb and play outdoors.
- ▶ Encourage children in activities such as building, drawing, threading beads, or filling and emptying containers in the water - all of which develop manipulative skills.



Communication and Language

- ▶ Understanding language.
- ▶ Developing good listening skills.
- ▶ Speaking clearly.
- ▶ Listening to a range of stories and being able to recall the main events.
- ▶ Role play activities.



CL - How you can help?

- ▶ Taking time to listen to your child, talking about things they have done and answering their questions.
- ▶ Encourage your child to follow a variety of instructions.
- ▶ Give your child opportunities to join in a variety of role-play activities.



Literacy

Reading and Writing

- ▶ Phonics- recognising letter sounds and hearing the sounds in words.
- ▶ Write their own name.
- ▶ Talk about a variety of books, describing main characters, events and settings of stories.
- ▶ Create marks and give meaning to those marks.
- ▶ Begin to form letters and spell words.



Literacy- How can you help?

- ▶ Read stories to your child at home.
- ▶ Talk to your child about the pictures in the story.
- ▶ Practise writing your child's name.
- ▶ Encourage your child to experiment with writing.
- ▶ Blend and segment the sounds in words; e.g. c-a-t = cat.



Mathematics

Number and Shape, Space and Measure

- ▶ Counting
- ▶ Recognising numbers and what they mean
- ▶ Calculation
- ▶ Shape
- ▶ Pattern
- ▶ Problem solving
- ▶ Measuring.



Maths - How can you help?

- ▶ Talk about the shapes you can see in the environment.
- ▶ Compare things which are heavy and light or long and short.
- ▶ Point out numbers all around.
- ▶ Sing counting songs and rhymes.
- ▶ Count, add and subtract anything and everything - socks, cars, shopping, cutlery, fingers and toes!



Expressive Arts and Design

- ▶ Role play
- ▶ Art
- ▶ Painting
- ▶ Drawing
- ▶ Dance
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Singing
- ▶ Story
- ▶ Imagination.



Expressive Arts and Design - How can you help?

- ▶ Talk with your child about their imaginative play and join in if possible!
- ▶ Encourage your child to be flexible in their thinking and use of materials and praise them for their efforts or ideas as well as the end product.



Understanding the World

- ▶ Exploring
- ▶ Investigating
- ▶ Learning about other cultures, places, things that happened in the past and living things
- ▶ ICT
- ▶ Constructing
- ▶ Educational visits
- ▶ Outdoor area.



Understanding the World - How can you help?

- ▶ Talk with your child about the places they go and the things they see in the world around them.
- ▶ Answer and ask questions - What if? Why do you think? How did you know?
- ▶ Join in with everyday activities - washing up, cooking, shopping, helping in the garden.
- ▶ If possible, let your child have access to ICT equipment such as CD players, computers etc.

General Information

- ▶ Classroom doors are opened at 8.50am so that lessons can begin at 9am prompt.
- ▶ Breakfast Club is available from 8am to 8.45am.
- ▶ School dinners are offered at a cost of £1.91 per day for Nursery children.
- ▶ Reception children will receive a free school meal.
- ▶ If children prefer to bring a packed lunch, please mark their lunch box with their name.

General Information

- ▶ All Nursery children are eligible for 15 hours free early years education.
- ▶ If you are entitled to an additional 15 hours free funding please provide the school office with your eligibility code.
- ▶ Full time places are available at a cost of £25 per week (to be paid each Friday in advance).

Uniform

- ▶ All new Foundation Stage children will receive a free school uniform from the National Schoolwear Centre, Hanley.
- ▶ To claim your free uniform please visit the shop as soon as possible.
- ▶ The shop will have a list of pupil names.

Uniform Reminder

- ▶ All items of uniform and bags need to be clearly labelled with names.
- ▶ The school will provide your child with a top and shorts for PE lessons. Please provide a pair of black pumps.
- ▶ Please ensure that your child brings a spare change of clothes to school.