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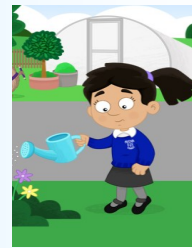
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# The Holt Primary School



Reception Spring term 2025  
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## Welcome to the term

Happy New Year!  
All the children have come back to school excited for the term ahead. Our topic this term is Toys past and present. I am sure our exploration of toys for a homework topic over this term will bring back memories for the parents and grandparents and will be very much enjoyed by the children!

## Homework information

Thank you for all you support with homework tasks. They really help to embed the learning that has taken place in school and build the children's confidence in using new skills. As the children progress through the Read Write Inc programme they are bringing home more to read. This term we will focus on reading our new reading materials and there will be a fun toy project too.

## We are collecting...

To develop our provision further we are looking for and Barbies, Sindys and Kens or Action men you may have and any accessories. This will be fabulous to help develop fine motor skills (dressing) and imaginative play/language. Anything you have would be greatly appreciated. We also need bottle tops, small boxes, tubes and buttons and wires for creating robots.

## Class routines

PE will be on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. Children should wear their P.E its to school on this day. Jogging bottoms or leggings (dark blue) can be worn on top of P.E shorts to keep children warm and these can then be easily be taken off if too warm when exercising.

### Water bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle (in addition to a drink with their packed lunch) as they have access to their bottles throughout the day in the classroom and enjoy a drink when we sit together for snack time, if they are not having milk.

## Reading

Each child will have books to read at home as well and green and red words and red words on bookmarks. Reading with your child is vital. Please encourage your child to read and discuss the story and pictures for at least 5 to 10 minutes every night. Please ensure that the date and what has been read is recorded in the reading diary and feel free to include a comment. Home reading books and Read Write Inc books are changed on different days so **please make sure that your child brings their book bag with their reading book daily.**

## Clothing

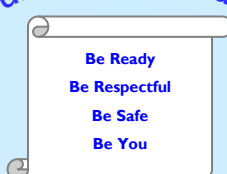
The children have a wonderful time exploring the activities prepared for them, some of which do get a little messy! Please could children bring some spare uniform with them in a named bag, which they can leave on their peg should they get messy or have a little accident. Each child also need a pair of named wellies that can be left in school. We love to explore the snow, mud in the mud kitchen and going on adventures in our woods! **Please ensure all your child's clothing is named**



We are looking forward to a great term ahead. If you need to speak to me about any queries or questions you may have, I am usually available at the start and end of the school day. Alternatively, you can email me [Receptionclass@holt.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:Receptionclass@holt.lincs.sch.uk) or call the office and leave a message and I will call you back when I am available.

Mrs Simms

Do your BEST, Be our BEST



## Reception

January 2025

# Toys Past and Present



## Literacy

In Literacy we will be continuing on the excellent Read, Write Inc Programme. In addition to this we will be using our literacy skills when exploring and investigating and through opportunities to write linked to our Topic 'Toys past and present'. We will be designing toys and writing about the toy robots we will be making.

## Topic

Our topic this term is 'Toys past and present'. We will be looking at similarities and differences between old and new toys, looking at the materials the toys have been and are now made of and creating our very own toy museum. Our role play area is a toy shop and we will be learning how to play new board games that will help develop social and maths skills while being lots of fun!

## Numeracy

This term we will be exploring patterns within and greater than 5. We will experience patterns showing a small group and 1 more and match arrangements to finger patterns. We will also be counting to 20 and ordering numbers. Through our provision we will be exploring shape, capacity and using positional language.



## PE

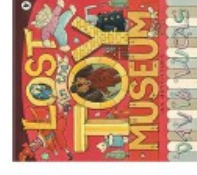
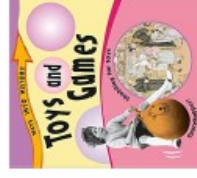
The Synergy coaches will be taking the class on Wednesdays and will be learning to play team games. On a Thursday we will focus on gymnastics this term.

Key texts for this term.



## Art and Design

This term we will be exploring using different materials to make 3D art as well as designing our own toys and accessories for the toys we play with.



## Key vocabulary

Past, toy, fragile, long ago, old, new, museum, label, better, worse, different, similar, describe, demonstrate, design, compare, sculpture, reflect, change, improve, wood, plastic, material.