



Highbury Primary School

Foundation Stage

Summer 1 2019



Dear Parent/Guardians of children in Hedgehogs, Squirrels, Daisies and Buttercups,

This half term our theme will be **'What would you use to build a house?'** and our focus book will be **The Three Little Pigs** and our rhyme will be **When Goldilocks came to the House of the Bears**.

In **Communication and Language** we will be sharing the texts and retelling these stories using Talk for Writing including actions and drama. We will encourage the children to use more language from the stories in their role play and ask questions about why things happen and change. Please continue to read every day with your children; perhaps try Bug Club for those of you who have internet access.

Our learning in **Physical Development** will be to use coordination skills in large and small movements. In Reception we will have more PE lessons to get us ready for Year 1, please practise changing clothes quickly with your child over the holiday. We will be building lots of houses with a variety of materials as part of our theme.

Our **Personal, Social and Emotional Development** learning will involve the children being encouraged to solve problems by themselves through negotiation and compromise as well as continuing to learn how to behave in school. In Reception we will be talking about how we can use our learning muscles to develop a growth mindset.

In **English** reception will continue to develop their Letters and Sounds through daily group sessions including games and handwriting to learn the letter formation and decoding skills. We will have many opportunities to practise our emerging writing skills through our theme using new keywords and writing in sentences. Children will develop their confidence in independent reading and talking about what they have read. We will use 'Talk for Writing' to retell the story of the Three Little Pigs and begin to write our own traditional stories then progress to writing instructions for building a simple house of bricks. Daisies will continue to learn fun phonics each day, listening closely to different sounds and recognising words that rhyme.

In **Mathematics** all children will continue to practise recognising numbers, writing numbers, counting through songs and rhymes, finding one more or one less than a given number, exploring and creating repeated patterns and using a variety of different methods and equipment to support their learning. We will continue to look at shapes and find a variety of ways to use them in our learning; building different size houses with 3D and 2D shapes. Reception will be investigating problems involving grouping, doubling/halving and sharing.

In our **Understanding the World** we will be looking at different types of houses; checking the similarities and differences of houses in the children's environment. We will use ICT to practise our maths and literacy skills as well as looking at houses around the world and how they are different to the ones we live in. We will look at different types of materials, natural and man-made exploring their properties.

In **Expressive Arts and Design** we will be creating house collages and designing and making houses. We will link our stories to role playing as well as making music and learning new songs.

Homework for the Easter holiday - please design, draw, paint, research or build a house ready for our homework display, let your imagination run wild!

We wish you all a happy and safe Easter.

Yours sincerely



The Foundation Stage Team

