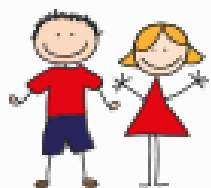
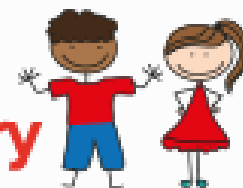




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Holmesdale Community Infant School and Nursery



HOLMESDALE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

23rd-27th October - Half Term
Monday 30th October – Inset Day
Tuesday 31st October 2.30pm
Volunteer Information Meeting
Thursday 9th November 7-8.30pm
Curriculum Evening
Friday 17th November
Mufti Day & Children in Need
Saturday 19th November
12-3.30pm - Christmas Fair
Friday 24th November 9.30am
Volunteer Information Meeting



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A MESSAGE FROM MRS MULLARKEY



Dear Families

The children have had a great half term and I am so proud of their learning behaviours and their kindness towards one another.

It was lovely to welcome parents and carers into school this week. The children were delighted that you had the opportunity to spend time with their teacher, seeing their learning environment and work. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff team for their commitment as well as our families for their continued support and positive feedback.

Thank you to our volunteers who have supported children in school this half term and to our wonderful PSA for the work they do to build our community and raise funds.

I wish you all a good half term break and look forward to seeing you on the 31st of October.

With best wishes
S. Mullarkey





Feeling Good Friday



This year's theme for 'Feeling Good Friday' was collaboration. The children enjoyed taking part in activities that allowed them to collaborate and work as a team – important skills to develop.

In Year 1 children chose an activity that they would like to do – either dance, singing, art or outdoor team-building activities. The children who chose outdoor learning were asked to construct a bridge from planks in order to reach the island! With collaboration and perseverance, the children enjoyed the success of completing their mission.



Reception children enjoyed playing co-operation games. They had to pass the hoop all the way around the circle without letting go hands! Well done, Reception!

Year 2 thought about their achievements and what they hope to achieve in the future with help and collaboration from others.



HOLMESDALE POND DEVELOPMENT



Thank you to all those who gave up their Saturday morning to help with clearing our pond area. A special thanks to Claire Hill, Jamie Campbell and Zoe Birch for running and organising the event. We look forward to the next stage of its development. We are also grateful to Councillors Lewanski and Paul who are working with us to raise funds for our pond project.

WELCOME TO EYFS
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NURSERY AND RECEPTION

Nursery have been learning all about autumn! We have been leaf printing, conker rolling and learning all about hedgehogs! We have also been reading lots of different stories and non-fiction books about what happens in the autumn.



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NURSERY AND RECEPTION

We have been reading the story The Little Red Hen. We had a go at making our own loaves of bread and shaped them into hedgehogs!



We made some puppets and some headbands of the characters and enjoyed acting out the story of The Little Red Hen.



Year 1 News

Welcome to Year 1

Mrs Hill kindly set up a museum of old toys for us. We were fascinated to learn the stories behind Mrs Hill's impressive collection. We looked closely at the toys and did observational drawings of our favourite ones.



Year 1 News

Welcome to Year 1



We enjoyed making the clown pop up!

We borrowed some old toys from Dorking Museum. We compared them to toys that we play with now, thinking carefully about how they were made and what materials they are made from.

We loved the click clack car.



The acrobat toy was a big hit!



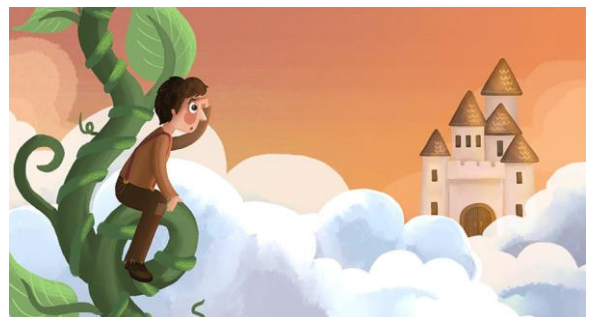
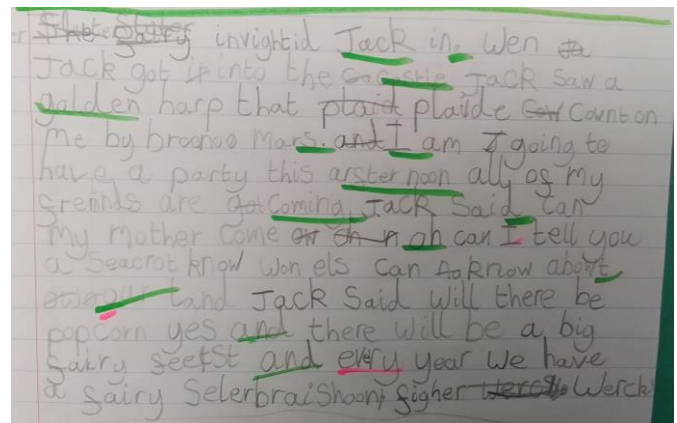
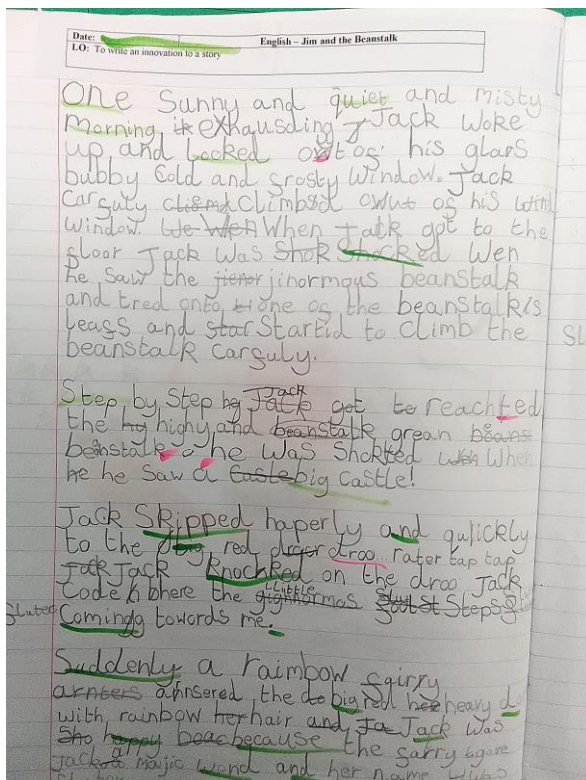
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YEAR 2 NEWS

HOLMESDALE INFANT SCHOOL

INNOVATION OF A TRADITIONAL TALE

In Year 2 we have been learning about innovating our own traditional tale. We read Jack and the Beanstalk and had to recreate our own version. We could change the setting, the characters or what we climbed up. Have you ever climbed up a tall, slippery bamboo cane?



Jack
and the
Beanstalk

Illustrated by
Giuseppe Di Lernia

One sunny happy morning Jack ^{woke} ~~looked~~ up and he saw a beautiful beanstalk out side the so Jack rushed out. Jack ~~star~~ to cl Jack was proud because he's seen a gigantic beanstalk and he really wanted to climb it. The ~~put~~ his foot on.

Step by step he feelects the top of the beanstalk and he saw a rusty punkin.

He skipped quickly to the ~~gintie~~ and shiny punkin castle. He ~~wanted~~ to go in so he knocked on the door. He could hear masith footsteps coming to the wooden hard door.

Sad deny a giant ~~open~~ opened the heavy door. The giant ~~looked~~ looked the giant had ~~was~~ a scary and hery face and masith body.

English - Jim and the Beanstalk

One cold windy evening jay woke up and ran down the brown stairs and ~~super~~ opened the frosty door and saw a giant snake and a beanstalk and a ~~chickadee~~ ^{chickadee} ~~chickadee~~ Jay was so excited when he saw the beanstalk so he ran to the rainbow beanstalk and put one started started started Started to climb Then he looked behind him and saw a black track of pink paint and he was so happy he achieved half of the beanstalk rainbow beanstalk

Step by Step he ~~care~~ ^{care} carefully and finally made it to the top of the Magic Slippy beanstalk when he was at the top he saw a huge map on the floor when he picked it up and saw the map After that he saw a lovely beautiful golden horse, then the was ~~rainbow~~ ^{rainbow} rainbow coloured And over the house was lovely rainbow and the colours were a little bit different

SPORTS ROUND

WELCOME

THIS MONTH'S ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY UPDATES ►

October



Make your own finger football game to play at home.

Practise some prepositional words (e.g. under, on top, beside) with this swimming pool prepositions activity.

Learn more about good sportsmanship and playing fairly with others.

Read a sports day or Olympics themed book.

Think about the benefits of staying active with Peppa Pig and Team GB.



Youtube - Soccer Movement Skills Song
| EYFS PE at Home Fundamental Movements

Cut apples into circular slices and decorate them with icing pens or other ingredients to look like balls from different sports.



Holmesdale Community
Infant School

Have you achieved something personal to you.
Send in your photos to info@holmesdale.surrey.sch.uk to feature in next month's Newsletter. Congratulations to everyone who has taken on Run Reigate this year too.