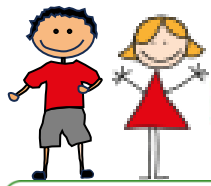
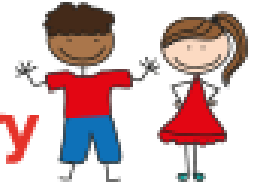




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Holmesdale Community Infant School and Nursery



HOLMESDALE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Monday 27th – Friday 31st November
Half Term

Monday 3rd November
Inset Day

Applications Open for Infant/Junior Places

Thursday 6th November

Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Monday 10th November

Applications Open for Holmesdale Nursery
Friendship Week

Friday 21st November

Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Saturday 22nd November

Winter Fair





A MESSAGE FROM MRS MULLARKEY

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of another busy half term, I want to take a moment to celebrate what a brilliant few weeks it has been. The children have impressed us all with their enthusiasm for learning, their determination, and the care they continue to show towards one another. It's been wonderful to see them growing in confidence, knowledge, and friendship.

It was fantastic to welcome so many parents and carers into school this week for teacher consultations. Your support and positive feedback are greatly appreciated, and I'm very grateful to our dedicated team for their continued hard work and commitment to every child's success.

A huge thank you as well for your generous donations to the Loveworks Food Bank as part of our Harvest collection. Your kindness and contributions will make a real difference to local families in need, and we are so proud of the children's understanding of compassion and community.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful volunteers and our PSA for everything they do to strengthen our community and raise valuable funds for our school.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term break and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 4th November.

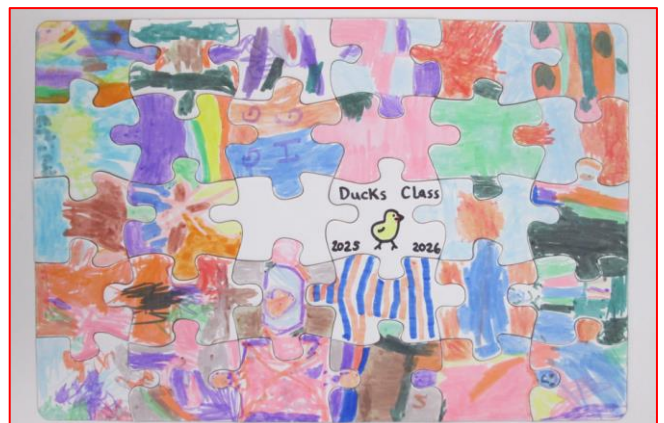
With warmest regards,

S. Mullarkey



FEELING GOOD FRIDAY

We celebrated World Mental Health day in style!
Our theme was 'connect' and we thought carefully about how precious and important our relationships with friends, family and pets are. We recognised that we are all unique but belong together – just like the colours of a rainbow.



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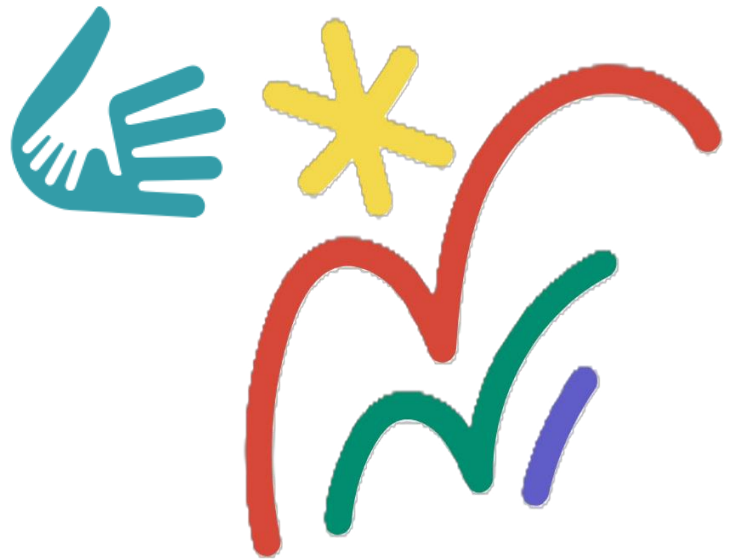




STRIPEY STORK HELP FOR LOCAL FAMILIES

Stripey Stork is a local charity that helps families in the Reigate and Redhill area by providing free essential items to those facing hardship. They support children of all ages, from babies to teenagers, by offering items such as, clothing, school uniforms, bedding, toys, and toiletries. They can also provide books and activity packs filled with puzzles, games, and crafts to help keep children busy during the school holidays.

Referrals to Stripey Stork are made through trusted professionals such as schools, food banks, Citizens Advice, housing associations, family centres, GPs, and other health services.

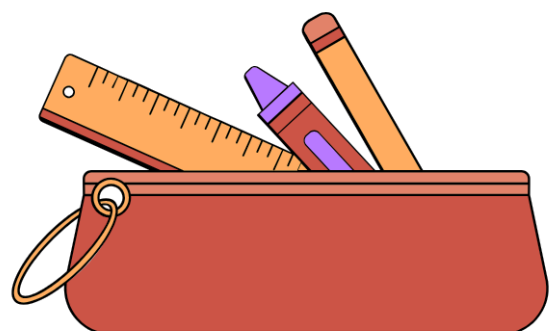


There is no need to meet strict criteria, show evidence, or be receiving benefits. Many of the families who are referred are working but still need extra support.

If you think you, or someone you know, could benefit from this support, please get in touch with us by emailing info@holmesdale.surrey.sch.uk. We can help arrange a referral.

If you would like to learn more, or are interested in helping through donations or fundraising, please visit stripeystork.org.uk.

Thank you for your support.



WELCOME TO EYFS

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NURSERY AND RECEPTION

Our Nursery children have loved spending time outdoors this month, making the most of the mild autumn weather. They have been busy exploring the environment and developing their gross motor skills. It's been wonderful to see them talking together, sharing ideas, and building new friendships as they play and discover the world around them



We had a wonderful time celebrating Nursery Rhyme Day, bringing together all the rhymes we've been learning this term. The children loved singing their favourite rhymes, making their own *Incy Wincy Spiders*, and admiring each other's fantastic costumes!

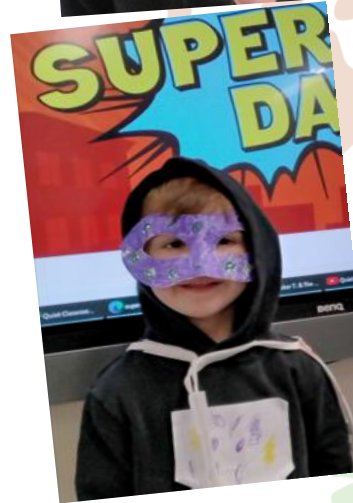


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NURSERY AND RECEPTION

SUPER ME!

We enjoyed reading the story 'Super Milly and the Super School Day'. We had Super Me Day and dressed up as our own superheroes, decorated a superhero puppet, completed superhero training and had a superhero parade!



We have also enjoyed learning about autumn. We went on an autumn walk to see what signs of autumn we could see and created some pieces of autumn artwork.



Year 1 News

Welcome to Year 1

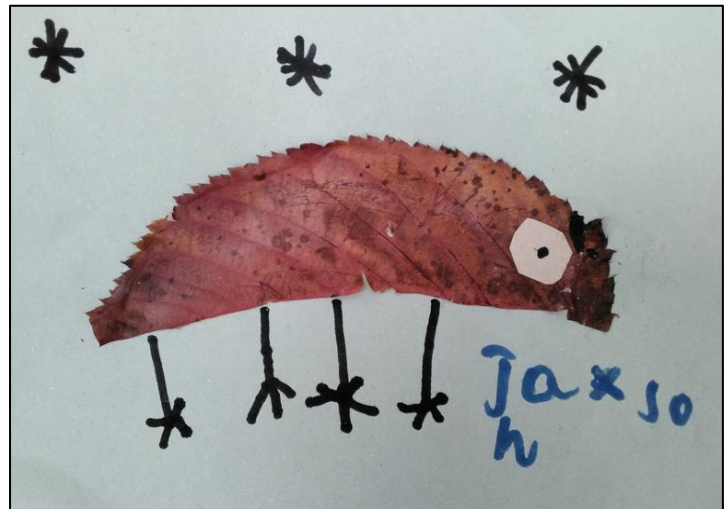
We borrowed a box of old toys from Dorking Museum. We loved exploring the toys, we thought about what materials they are made from and compared them to modern day toys.



Year 1 News

Welcome to Year 1

We have been learning about the changes that happen in autumn. We have been using leaves to create some amazing pictures!



WELCOME TO

YEAR 2 NEWS

HOLMESDALE INFANT SCHOOL

A twist in the tale



We had great fun in our dance workshop acting out a twist of a traditional tale. The children loved the freeze framing and were fantastic at getting into role as the wolf and Preston Pig from the story 'Oops'!



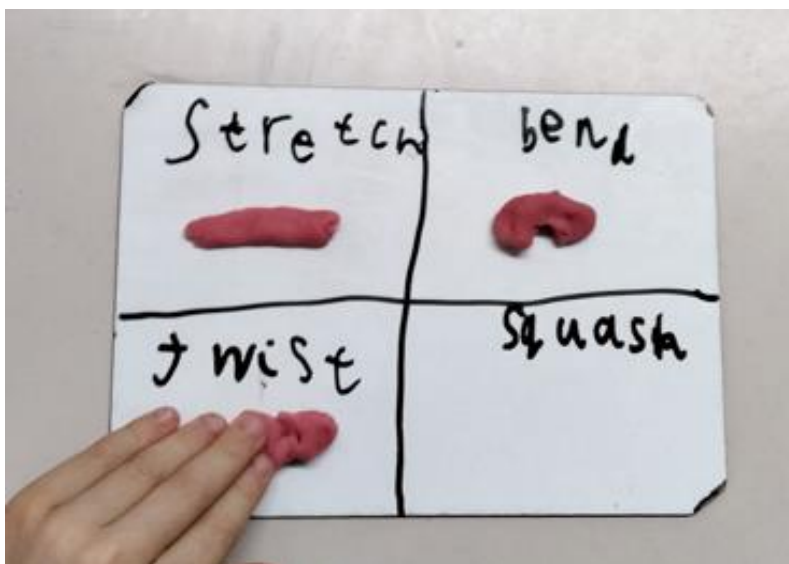
YEAR 2 NEWS

HOLMESDALE INFANT SCHOOL

Year 2 have been learning all about materials this half term and their suitability for different purposes.

MATERIALS

We had fun testing how stretchy different materials are.



We explored how we could change the shape of a material using different actions.

SPORTS ROUND

WELCOME

THIS MONTH'S ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY UPDATES >

Can you complete these Autumn themed activities?

1. Leaf Jump Challenge

- **What to do:** Rake a big pile of leaves (with an adult's help!) and have children take turns jumping over or into the pile.
- **Skills:** Jumping, coordination, spatial awareness.
- **Twist:** Time them, how many jumps can they do in 30 seconds?

2. Conker Obstacle Course

- **What to do:** Set up a garden or park obstacle course using natural autumn objects like conkers, pinecones, sticks, and leaves.
- **Idea:** Children must balance a conker on a spoon and complete the course without dropping it!
- **Skills:** Balance, concentration, gross motor.



Autumn
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3. Windy Day Races

- **What to do:** Make and decorate paper leaf or feather "runners" and have children race them by blowing them along a path with a straw or just using the wind.
- **Skills:** Breath control, crawling/running, gentle competitive play.

4. Squirrel Scurry

- **What to do:** Pretend to be squirrels gathering nuts for winter. Scatter soft balls, beanbags, or pinecones around the garden. Children must race and collect as many as they can into a "nest."
- **Skills:** Running, agility, speed.