

Topic Title: Let's Get Digging!

This term we will be exploring the great outdoors. We will be planting seeds and beans and observing the changes over time, helping us to develop an understanding of growth. We will also learn about mini beasts and their habitats and discover the importance of caring for living things.

Share stories at home

Some of the stories we will learn this term are:

- Jack and the Beanstalk
- Jaspers Beanstalk
- The Little Red Hen
- Titch
- Rosie's Walk
- The very hungry caterpillar
- Supertato

You could borrow these books from a library to share the learning at home.

Memorable experiences

In Nursery we provide lots of play-based memorable experiences. These experiences allow the children to demonstrate the key skills we have learnt over the week. We are particularly looking forward to the following events:

- Growing a beanstalk from a tiny bean
- Bug hunting in our sensory garden
- Watching caterpillars change to butterflies
- Visiting a farm

Pets

Does your child have a pet to care for at home?

We would love to see pictures of your pets. Please send them to nursery@holbeach.lewisham.sch.uk

Maths

This half term we will be exploring shapes and symmetry. You can help at home by encouraging children to play with blocks, shapes, shape puzzles and shape-sorters. Support your children by asking questions like: "What is the same and what is different?" Encourage children to talk about shape properties using words like 'sharp corner', 'pointy' or 'curvy'. Talk about shapes as you play with them, eg. "We need a puzzle piece with a straight edge."

Music Time

On Thursday afternoons we will be having Music time with a specialist Music Teacher. She will be showing us a variety of different instruments and we will learn how to play them.

Music and Nursery Rhymes have a positive impact on children's language and communication development and should be encouraged at home too.