

## Subject Leader Governors report for EYFS 2024

What a busy and exciting year we have had in the Early Years Foundation Stage. This year we welcomed a cohort of 18 children and their families to Holly Grove School. They have settled exceptionally well into school life and making fantastic progress in their Prime areas (Physical, Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Communication). These areas are at the centre of our curriculum and extremely important to enable the children to settle and successfully transition into year 1. We are so proud of their achievements and it has been a privilege to watch them become independent in their learning, play and self-help skills.

The children participated in their very first Christmas Nativity and made excellent sheep. They put on an incredible performance. We have also celebrated a diverse range of religious festivals, participated in whole school events including our annual egg rolling competition and science week where they became inquisitive scientists. We have visited our local library, participated in weekly physical activities led by Burnley Football club, had a music specialist come and deliver sessions and accessed physical development sessions at 'Sensations' which is a sensory gym in Accrington.

The EYFS curriculum is firmly embedded at Holly Grove School and extending it to our year 1 pupils has ensured that they have a smoother transition. Following on from the emphasis last year of delivering an intervention-based approach with access to continuous provision in the EYFS and KS1, children are now participating in sessions such as 'talk boost', Picture Exchange Communication, MOVE/walking programs and maths. We will soon be completing the EYFS profile, which is statutory for every child at the end of their reception year. Data is always shared with the next class teacher as part of the transition process and to look at the curriculum impact so we can ensure that we tailor it for all our pupils. We also share the child's individual progress with parents at the annual review and with the annual report.

