

Subject Report

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Subject: English

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We have had a very exciting and successful year in English at Holly Grove.

In September 2023 we rolled out the new English Scheme of Work. Feedback so far, is that staff feel it is more detailed and prescriptive, yet they have the freedom to use their own ideas and creativity to plan lessons.

We have also purchased Phonics Tracker, which will help staff to assess and monitor phonics in a much quicker and easier way. Previously we were using paper copies to assess, which are easily lost! The children now use the assessment online and feedback from staff has been very positive across school.

Holly Grove is very fortunate to have a public library on campus and we have made the connection with them for reading sessions for every class. The feedback has been fantastic. All classes have had the opportunity to visit the library for a fun, sensory reading session and all children have had the opportunity to have their own library card to use with their family. This was very successful and around 40 families signed up for their own library card. Each class has also had the opportunity to visit Fence Library and choose their own books to take home.

There has also been lots of CPD around English and Communication for staff such as: Talk for Writing, Reading 1:1 and Makaton. Interventions still continue to be a strong point throughout school, such as Early Talk Boost, Attention Autism, Words First, Makaton and Phonics. 4 children will sit their Phonics Screening Test June 2024.

Reading corners are established in each classroom and teachers are promoting 'Reading for Pleasure' and having story time throughout the day. World Book Day was a huge success, with the school council choosing the theme of 'Disney.'



