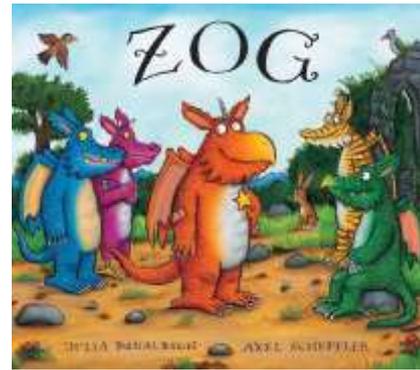


# Parent Voice

September 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,  
Welcome to Holly Leaves! It has been a very exciting first week back. Over the holidays building work has been taking place and we now have a bigger classroom. The children have been exploring the space and I am very pleased with how well they have all settled in.

## Ideas

Our topic for this term is 'Castles and Dragons!'. We will be focusing on the text 'Zog' by Julia Donaldson. As it is the first term in Holly Leaves, we will be covering a range of practical activities. Below I have included some of the areas we are going to cover.

### Moving and Handling (Fine Motor skills)

- *Uses simple tools to effect changes to materials.*
- *Handles tools, objects, construction and malleable materials safely and with increasing control.*
- *Shows a preference for a dominant hand.*

### Moving and Handling (Gross Motor skills)

- *Experiments with different ways of moving.*
- *Jumps off an object and lands appropriately.*
- *Negotiates space successfully when playing racing and chasing games with other children, adjusting speed or changing direction to avoid obstacles.*
- *Travels with confidence and skill around, under, over and through balancing and climbing equipment.*
- *Shows increasing*

### Mathematics (Shape, space and measure)

- *Beginning to use mathematical names for 'solid' 3D shapes and 'flat' 2D shapes, and mathematical terms to describe shapes.*
- *Selects a particular named shape.*
- *Can describe their relative position such as 'behind' or 'next to'.*
- *Orders two or three items by length or height.*
- *Orders two items by weight or capacity.*
- *Uses familiar objects and common shapes to create and recreate patterns and build models.*

Please fill in the template attached with any ideas for activities based on our topic.

## **School Lunches**

As from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September the children will stay in school for a lunch leaving at 1.15 p.m. The children may have a free hot school meal or they may bring a packed lunch.

From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September we hope that all the children will be ready to stay all day, collection at 3.00 p.m. We will monitor how they have settled into school and advise you of this nearer the time.

## **Forest school**

Forest school will begin on Friday morning (14<sup>th</sup> September). If for any reason it is cancelled throughout the year, this will be displayed on the notice board on the blue fence. It is important that children wear clothes that can get dirty, covering their legs and arms. During Forest School the children sit around log circle to enjoy hot chocolate and biscuits. Any donations of hot chocolate powder and biscuits are very much appreciated.

Many Thanks

Miss Pearson, Miss Worgan and Miss Evans

Please return by 17/9/18

<b>Area of learning</b>	<b>Any ideas</b>
Communication and Language: <i>Speaking</i> <i>Listening and Attention</i> <i>Understanding</i>	
Physical Development: <i>Moving and Handling</i> <i>Health and Self-Care</i>	
Personal, Social and Emotional Development: <i>Making relationships</i> <i>Self-confidence and self-awareness</i> <i>Managing feelings and behaviour</i>	
Literacy: <i>Reading</i> <i>Writing</i>	
Maths: <i>Number</i> <i>Shape, Space and Measure</i>	
Understanding the World: <i>People and Communities</i> <i>The World</i> <i>Technology</i>	
Expressive Arts and Design: <i>Exploring using media and materials</i> <i>Being imaginative</i>	

