



Summer 1 Half Term Information for Parents Nursery

Happy children aiming high

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a relaxing holiday and are ready for a busy Summer term! This information sheet tells you about the theme being followed for this half term and which subjects are being linked to it and those which will be taught separately. We hope that you find it useful.

Themes: Summer 1-Down on the Farm

Cross curricular links:

Literacy: This half term we will be looking at books linked with the Farm-What the Ladybird Heard, The Little Red Hen, Three Little Pigs, The Pig in the Pond and Farmer Duck.. We will write lists of the animals that we have seen at the farm as well as draw and write about the stories we have read.

Nursery has been enjoying rhyming activities and we will continue to develop our knowledge of rhyming words.

As part of our Read Write Inc activities we will continue to look at letter sounds and the corresponding hand writing rhymes.

Communication and Language: We will provide opportunities for children to discuss the books we read and predict what will happen next. Children will be encouraged to recall our trip to the farm and use experiences in their small world play. We will play listening and attention games, such as Kim's game when children have to remember the animal that is taken away from a group. We will share news each week to help children to listen and engage with their peers. Children are welcome to bring in objects they would like to talk about with the class.

Understanding the World: After our trip to the farm we will be learning about the different buildings, vehicles and animals on a farm. We will use different construction tools to make our own farms. As part of our exploration of farms we will use the internet to find out more about different animals and their young and different farms around the world. Nursery will learn about the products we can get from farms, we will try to make bread and our own ice cream!

After a slow start to Spring! We will discuss signs of Spring and what children can see change around their house. Children will continue to have access to our Interactive White Board to engage in activities and build up independence when using technology.

Expressive Art and Design: In Nursery we enjoy singing, we will be adding songs about farm animals including Old Macdonald, 5 little ducks, the big red tractor and Yellow Chicks. We will explore colour and paint pictures of the animals that we see on the farm. We will use our time in the hall to follow different music programmes and move in response to music.

Physical Development: A variety of funky fingers activities will help children build strength in their fingers and hands for writing, for example, peg activities, threading games, jigsaws, and pippete jobs. Playdough and scissor skills activities will often have a farm theme to help children develop control when using tools.

Mathematics: This half term we will continue to develop children's understanding of number and their number recognition. We will sing number songs to help us understand practical calculations and record these. Farm animals will be used to help us explore patterns and compare objects by height. We will explore shapes and how we can use both 2D and 3D shapes to make farm animals and enclosures for animals.

Personal Social and Emotional Development: We support children in engaging in activities and sharing resources with others as well as helping them to keep play going by listening to the ideas of others. We will help children gain independence by giving them small jobs to do.

How can you help?

- Ensure your child is in school on time and ready to learn-8:45 for Nursery.
- We always enjoy hearing about your child's achievements, big and small! Trying a new food, climbing to the top of the slide in the park, sleeping all night in their own bed...Wow stars are displayed at the entrance to Nursery, please fill these in and they will be stuck into your child's Nursery Book. This will help build a record of their achievements in Nursery.
- Activities to try at home-try making different types of bread, use junk modelling to make your own farm!
- This half term we will be making little fairy cottages by painting bird boxes, if you would like to help, please let us know!
- We are developing our non-fiction reading resources. If you have any magazines you would be happy to donate, such as travel brochures, car magazines we would be very grateful.

Class Reminders

Please help us by naming clothing, particularly jumpers and coats.