



Curriculum Newsletter



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Nursery



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Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term we will be recapping our work on feelings and how our actions and reactions can affect others. We will also think about what being a good friend means and how we can be one.

We will also be encouraging the children to make choices about their learning and supporting them to persevere and achieve their chosen goals.

Our Topic:

Once Upon a Farm...

Our topic this term follows on from the children's interest in farms and their animals. We will look at animals and their babies as well as growing...later in the half term we will be learning about chicks, chickens and Easter!

Communication and Language

We will be working on children's listening and attention skills this term by ensuring children are staying focussed when listening to stories and being involved with activities. We will continue to sing songs and develop language and vocabulary linked to stories.

Physical Development

In our PE sessions we will be starting to use equipment such as scarves, bean bags and balls to develop gross motor skills and coordination linked to throwing and catching.

Part of the children's PD learning is linked to their independence skills (dressing, hygiene routines) and we will continue to support this in school where possible.

Books we will be reading

We will be reading a range of stories linked to farms, animals and growing but we will focus on the stories...

What the Ladybird Heard Next

The Enormous Turnip

The Little Red Hen

Rosie's Walk

We will also look at non-fiction books linked to animals and plants.

Literacy

Our Literacy focus this half term will be closely linked to books, we want children to become familiar with stories so that they can extend their language linked to stories we have shared. There will also be lots of opportunities for children to mark make, both with pens and pencils but also with chalks, paintbrushes and within a range of textures.

Understanding the World

This will be closely linked to our topic as the children will be encouraged to explore farm life and a range of living animals and plants.

At Forest School we will be on the lookout for signs of Spring and hopefully enjoying the warmer weather!

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will continue to have access to a wide range of media and materials. We will link closely to our topic to provide small world and role play opportunities which allow the children to use their imagination to take on roles within their play linked to the jobs and occupations we are learning about.

Mathematics

This half term we will continue to focus on our subitising skills as well as singing lots of maths songs which helps us with saying number names in order. We will be looking at shapes and patterns within the Nursery and our environment.

Forest School Dates

Forest School will continue to run on a Tuesday morning;

Tuesday 28th February

Tuesday 7th March

Tuesday 14th March

Tuesday 21st March

Tuesday 28th March

Please ensure your child's Forest School kit is in school for the first Tuesday of the half term!

Weather

We use the outdoors daily and the children need to be suitably dressed to access this.

Please keep an eye on the weather, and send in appropriate clothing such as waterproof coats, hats and snoods. It is important that all items of clothing are named.

All children should have named wellies in school.

What does your child need to bring to Nursery

Daily:

- a named water bottle (not in the book bag)
- a book bag

Half Termly (these can stay at Nursery):

- spare clothes in a named bag
- wellington boots (named) in a named bag

Please name all items of clothing.

Home Learning

Nursery Rhymes - singing rhymes is a great way to support your child's Literacy skills. The BBC have some lovely compilations which can be found on YouTube (search - BBC Nursery Rhymes).

Bedtime Stories - reading is a great way to develop a range of skills and share a special few minutes with your child. Please try and build this into your bedtime routine and let us know your favourite stories!

Don't forget to keep an eye on Tapestry for extra Home Learning Challenges and please continue sharing all the exciting things you do at home too!