



Curriculum Newsletter



**Mrs Thompson-Yates & Mrs Yarranton
RTY**

**Reception
Spring 2 2023**

**Mrs Mercer
RM**

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be exploring our school's Zones of Regulation and different feelings.
We will be building on independence, perseverance and resilience with challenges.
We will play circle games to develop cooperation and team skills.

Books we will be reading

[Three Little Pigs](#)
[Duck in the Truck by Jez Alborough](#)
[The Day I Met My Shadow by Melissa Brun](#)
[My Shadow by Robert Louis Stevenson](#)
[Farmyard Hullabaloo by Giles Andreae](#)

Mathematics

We are learning about time ([days of the week](#) and sequencing), measuring using cubes, [number bonds to ten](#) and [3D shapes](#).

Physical Development

We will be learning to move in different ways and use the climbing equipment safely with our P.E. coach Mr Veness.
We will be using the trim trail to build up our upper body strength and balance skills.

Our Topic:

Down on the Farm

Click on the links for stories, activities, videos and games to lock in your learning at home. Find ideas for Home Learning on the next page.

Communication and Language

We will continue to build our bank of vocabulary linked to our farm stories.
We are developing our listening and attention skills through games looking at the listening rules - keeping still, keeping quiet, looking at the person talking and listening to all the words.

Understanding the World

We will find out about shadows - how they are formed and how they change.
We will also explore wind and create kites and windmills to investigate.
We will be finding out why Easter is important for Christians and visit a local church to see how Christians celebrate Easter.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will explore collage and printing techniques to create the houses from The Three Little Pigs.
We will be retelling the stories - The Three Little Pigs and Duck in a Truck using props, creating story maps and using percussion instruments to create sound effects.

Literacy

We will be learning new digraph sounds - this is where two letters together make one sound e.g. sh in shop.
We will be reading and writing simple sentences - remembering to use capital letters at the beginning, finger spaces between words and full stop at the end.



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Home Learning

Favourite Farm Animal

Which is your favourite farm animal and why?

You could create a poster, record a video or create a story about your favourite farm animal. What do they look like? Where do they live? What do they eat? How do you take care of them?

Fun Phonics!

Phonics games to play at home (select Phase 2 and 3 sounds):

[Pick a Picture](#)

[Balloon Phonics](#)

[CVC Bingo](#)

[Phonics Pop](#) - select the letter sounds you need to practise.

Map Skills

Create a map for the Three Little Pigs to find each other's houses - do they have to go over a bridge, past a landmark/building/forest/lake, over a mountain, etc.?

You could also create a map of your journey from home to school/library/shop.

Please share your home learning and as well as new experiences on **Tapestry** so your child can share this at school with their teachers and friends.

Outdoor Fun

What do you like to do outside?

Planting in the garden

Ball games

Riding your bike or scooter

Climbing and balancing in the park

Magic Maths!

[Robot Addition](#)

[Understanding Numbers](#)

[White Rose Home Learning](#) Looking at the final parts of 'Growing 6, 7, 8' and starting 'Building 9 & 10'.

Farm Babies

Find out what baby animals are called and match them to their parents. Can you think of any animals that look different to the adults, such as chicks, or even tadpoles and caterpillars?

Reminders

Key Dates

World Book Day 3rd March

Parents Evening 7th and 9th March

Science Week 13th-17th March

Comic Relief 17th March

Mothers Day Assembly 20th March 2.45pm

Down Syndrome Awareness Day 21st March

Atwell Farm Visit 29th March

P.E. and Forest Sessions

P.E. day for RTY & RM - Wednesdays

Forest Session RTY - Fridays

Forest Session RM - Thursdays

Reading Books

Reading daily for 10 minutes supports your child's development.

Bring your reading wallet to school every day.

Remember to go to 'My Rising Stars' online where you will find reading books set for your child's reading level.