

Nursery Newsletter Spring 1 2024

Happy new year! We've already got off to a busy start in Nursery! Below is some information about our learning this term, as well as some important messages and reminders.



Topic

Our topic for this half term is Farm. We will be learning about what happens on a farm, the jobs farmers do, and where our food comes from. We will be learning about how animals grow and change over time and what they need to survive.

Maths

This term we will continue to count carefully and begin to subitise to 3 (know amounts by looking at them) and use this to compare which has more and less. We will begin to learn and use positional language to follow and give directions. Towards the end of term we will begin to explore capacity and learn new language for full and empty.



Physical Development

We are now enjoying PE lessons indoors every Thursday, where we practise our fine motor skills first by taking off our shoes and socks! Please remember to send your child in in Velcro shoes every Thursday to support them to grow independence in this skill!

In the hall we are practising balancing, throwing, catching, jumping and navigating the space around us safely!

We will have a range of fine motor activities this term to support our finger muscles' development, including: lego, peg boards, threading, cutting, messy play, pouring, drawing with large chalks and painting.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we are focusing on friendship and feelings, we will continue to learn language for our emotions and think about how we can support ourselves and our friends with emotions. We will look at how we are the same and different to others and celebrate Chinese New Year at the end of term!



Communication and Language

We will be focusing on learning new vocabulary to match our topic this term, this will include learning animal names and noises, including the names for their babies, things we would find and do on the farm.

We have music every Thursday, where we enjoy learning new songs with Claire, and growing our confidence in participating and singing out loud.

We will be focusing on using our words to explain what has happened and how it has made us feel.

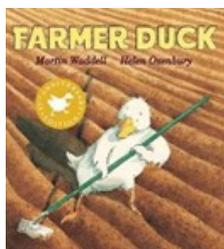
Literacy

We will enjoy lots more stories this term and continue to enjoy quality stories and nursery rhymes everyday! We are now growing our interest in reading and choosing books we know well to re-tell to our friends!

Mark making is an important introduction to forming letters and writing. We will continue to explore lots of different tools and resources to mark make and talk to an adult about the marks we have made! We are enjoying using a range of tools to make marks, including pencils, felt tip pens, large chalks, paints and our fingers!

Key texts

Our key texts this term are 'Farmer Duck', 'The Very Busy Spider' and 'The Three Little Pigs'. We will enjoy listening to these lots of times, participating in repeating phrases and playing the stories in our small world and role play areas!



Messages

- **Books will continue to be changed every Tuesday.** Please note that we encourage the children to choose their own book, while we try and encourage them to enjoy a range of stories, this does sometimes mean they will choose the same book again. Please use this as an opportunity to ask them what they love so much about the story!
- Unfortunately, we sometimes do miss books in bags, especially when children are bringing in warm clothing in their bags etc. To support everyone with this, we will be asking that you **take out your child's book and reading record and place it in a box at the gate every morning**, to ensure all books brought in have been seen. **We ask you bring in your book and reading record every day.**
- Alongside welly boots, we are happy to keep 'messy coats' in school if you would prefer your child to wear an old one when playing outside.
- The last day of term will be on the **9th February**, with finish at the normal time. **Monday the 19th February will be a tutorial day**, where you will be invited to come in and talk about your child's learning with their teacher, but school will not be open as usual. More information will be sent out closer to the time.
- Please note that we are currently close to full in both Nursery and Little Stars, if you wish to move to afternoons or move your child to full time please email the office so we can check we have space to provide this. Unfortunately, the receipt of a full time code does not currently mean we can guarantee your child a full time space.