



Nursery Team:

Teachers

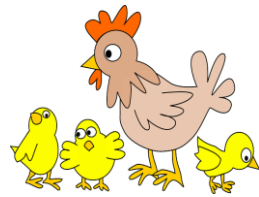
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Our topic this half term is: *Down on the Farm*



This half term the children will be:

- exploring the natural environment and talking about what we see
- listening to stories about farms and farm animals
- matching animals to their babies, e.g. Sheep – lamb, Horse – foal, Cow – calf, etc.
- starting to plant a variety of vegetables, seeds and beans and observing the changes that take place.
- thinking about emotions and learning how to recognise them
- continuing to develop their love of learning – becoming active and independent learners that are able to share, take turns, listen and communicate

Ways that you can help your child:

Talking:

- about the chicks that are visiting the Nursery. What have the children observed?
- about different animals and the noises that they make

Reading:

- books regularly at home, including information books about **animals** and **plants**

Phonics:

- hearing sounds in words – play Simon Says. Simon says touch your ch-i-n, Simon says touch your b-a-ck, etc.

Writing:

- practising writing their name independently – forming each letter correctly, starting with the first capital letter and then moving on to the next lower-case letter

Maths:

- Talking about numbers 1-5 and beyond and counting objects at every opportunity – trees in the park, spots on a ladybird, etc.

Topic based:

- Keep a seed diary – using photographs to describe what is happening
- Go on a Minibeast hunt – looking for ladybirds, caterpillars, ants, frog spawn
- Go to the park to look at and talk about the trees and flowers growing – you could draw a picture or make a model.
- Visit a farm or watch CBeebies 'Down on the Farm' together. Talk about the different animals.

Weekly Events



Book borrowing

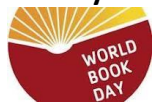
Children change their books every week with an adult. Please remember to put your book back in the bag to be changed.



PE

We do PE in the hall on Fridays. Please wear suitable clothing and sensible shoes.

World Book Day – March



Chick Challenge

You may have noticed that we had some very special visitors arrive on Monday. For the next 2 weeks we will be home to some eggs and will be eagerly watching and waiting for them to hatch into baby chicks. So in honour of our new friends, this half term's challenge will be chick themed. You might like to find a chick fact, draw a picture or make a model of one, write a story about a chick or read a book with a chick in it. We would love to see what you have done!



We would be very grateful for any donations of any seeds, plants and pots for our outdoor area.



Have fun with all the ideas, and remember the more you read with and talk to your children about the experiences you have shared, the more meaningful they become.

Thank you

The Nursery Team.