

Nursery NEWSLETTER

Spring Term

We hope you all have a safe and relaxing half term and cannot wait to see the children back again soon.

We have been busy preparing the classroom for our new topic 'Down on the Farm'. Next half term, your child will learn about what happens on a farm and what you may see. They will be learning about Easter too and how people celebrate it. Please keep checking Twitter for our latest photographs and updates. As always, if you have any questions please contact school.

Words of the Week

Every week we introduce the children to a new word that might be unfamiliar to them. We go over definitions, synonyms, look at pictures related to that picture and try to use it as often as we can. Please encourage your child to share their knowledge with you.

Week 1: Farmyard
Week 2: Enclosure
Week 3: Orchard
Week 4: Meadow
Week 5: Furrow

In maths ...

Each half term we focus our sessions on a particular number. This half term our number focus is 4. We will be looking at cardinality and counting numbers to 4 as well as comparing 4 and the composition of the number 4.

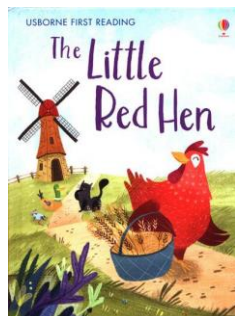
We will also begin to focus on shapes and patterns that have 4 in them. We do this by singing songs / rhymes / physically moving. We use manipulatives such as counter to support children with counting / comparing.

Please support us by focusing on the number 4 in many different ways at home. For example, pointing out number 4s on packages, asking children to count out 4 pieces of fruit, help with setting the table for dinner and counting things that you find outside.

Our Class Book is:

The Little Red Hen

We read a range of books every day in Nursery but this will be the text that we base some of our literacy around and look at in depth. We will learn the story and discuss the events within the story too.



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In phonics ...

In Nursery next half term we will be continuing to focus on our Read Write Inc phonics sessions.

We will continue to look at a different sound each day and we will be recapping the sounds that have previously been taught each session.

If children have a good understanding of these sounds, they are then able to blend them in order to start reading. This is why it is so important that the children are exposed to these sounds as often as possible.

We will also be using 'Fred' in lessons. Fred is a frog that says sounds. E.g. Fred will say c-a-t for the word cat. Please continue to do this at home and ask a member of the team if you would like some ideas of Fred talk games.

In writing ...

We are focussing on how well the children can grip their pencil and we are constantly reminding the children to: nip, flick, and grip their pencils. We are going to be encouraging the children to write their names more often in lots of different ways and in lots of different media.

Another skill we will be focussing on is being able to recognise their names when children see it written down.

Reminders

- Please ensure that everything that your child brings to school is labelled, this avoids belongings going missing.
- Please remember that your child needs to bring only water in their water bottle every day.

Thank you for your continued support,

Nursery staff.