

# Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

Enclosed in this letter is an overview of all the exciting learning your child will be completing this half term.

Our topic for this term is 'Down on the Farm'. We will be exploring the different animals you might find on a farm.

If you require any further information about your child's learning, please speak to any member of the Nursery staff.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Richardson, Mrs Bould, Mrs Heasman and Mrs Parkinson

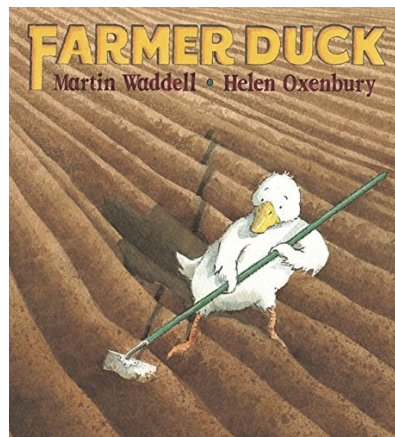
Nursery Staff

## Literacy

During this half term, we will be reading a range of stories set on a farm, such as, 'Farmer Duck' by Martin Waddell and 'The Little Red Hen'. The children will be encouraged to describe the setting, events and main characters of these stories. The children will be learning to label their favourite farm animals and write simple captions to describe them.

The children will continue to take part in daily phonics lessons. They will learn to segment the different sounds they can hear in a word, for example, c-a-t makes the word cat.

Letter sounds will be introduced to the children using the Read, Write, Inc. picture cards and rhymes.



## Mathematical Development

During this half term, the children will be learning to:

- ◆ Recognise, order and write the numbers zero to ten and above.
- ◆ Find one more and one less than a given number up to ten.
- ◆ Name and describe the properties of 2D shapes and use shapes to create pictures and models.



## Personal, Social and Emotional

During this half term, the children will:

- ◆ Learn how to follow our school's STARS values
- ◆ Describe how they can be a good friend.
- ◆ Share and take turns.



## Understanding the world

During our topic, 'Down on the Farm', the children will be learning about the different types of animals they might find on a farm.

They will be matching adult animals to their young and learning what they are called.

The children will learn to recognise the types of homes different animals live in and the foods that they eat.



## Expressive Arts and Design

During the half term, the children will:

- ◆ Create play dough models of their favourite farm animals.
- ◆ Paint and make collage pictures of farm animals and vehicles.
- ◆ Use instruments to create animal sounds.
- ◆ Make papier-mâché animal masks.



## Physical Development

The Nursery children will have daily access to our outdoor area and climbing equipment.

They will take part in daily Dough Disco lessons which encourage the children to develop their fine motor skills and get the muscles in their fingers warmed up and ready for writing.



## Other Information

### Home Learning

Your child will continue to bring home a reading book in their purple book bag. Please sign your child's reading diary every time you share a story together at home. Book bags and reading books need to be returned to school every Wednesday and new reading books will be sent home every Friday.

Over the next few weeks, your child will also begin to bring some simple home learning challenges related to our topics that you can complete together at home.

Please can you ensure that all items of your child's uniform are clearly labeled with their name and that your child has a spare set of clothes in school at all times.

The Nursery class will begin to have their PE lessons in the hall during this half term. The school will supply your child with their own PE kit . Please can your child bring into school some black PE pumps or trainers that can be kept in school with their PE kit.

We hope that your child will continue to enjoy their time in our Nursery and we aim to work in partnership with you to support your child with their learning.



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