



Reception Newsletter

Spring 2, February 2018



Down on the Farm!

Curriculum News

Welcome back! We have introduced our Farm topic by reading 'The Little Red Hen' with the children this week. Our other core texts will include 'What the ladybird heard', 'Oliver's Vegetables', 'The Kitchen Disco' and 'Rosie's Walk'.

As part of our topic we will be looking at what food is grown on the farm and how it ends up on our plates. Next week we will be baking bread with the children and talking about how the wheat is grown on the farm and then made into flour to bake the bread.

We will be visiting St Leanord's Farm to experience first-hand what happens on a farm. A separate letter with more information is on its way to you. We will also be visiting the local greengrocer's to buy the ingredients to make delicious fruit salads and smoothies. You will be invited to come and read our 'Kitchen Disco' story and sample our food on Thursday 22nd March at 2.45pm.

Parent Volunteers

If any parents could spare any time to come in and help read or with our 'learn to ride a bike' programme, please let us know. Your help is always appreciated.

Communication

Should you have any queries or suggestions, please let us know. We are available at the beginning and end of each day or for a longer conversation we will always arrange a time to talk. If you prefer, contact us by email
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Please continue to contact the office to report your child's absence.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Important Dates:

World Book Day- 1st March

Family Day- Thursday 8th March
 RA- morning
 RKL- afternoon

Farm Trip- Friday 23rd March

Invite to share a story and smoothie-
 Thursday 22nd March at 2.45pm

Parent's Evening- 14th March 4-7.30
 15th March 3.30-5.30

Chick Week- 19th March

We will be sending out further information about these events. Please look out for emails

English

Books

Please keep reading books in your child's bookbag throughout the week so we can read with them in school.

We strongly advise that you spend 5-10 minutes a day reading or practising tricky words with your child.

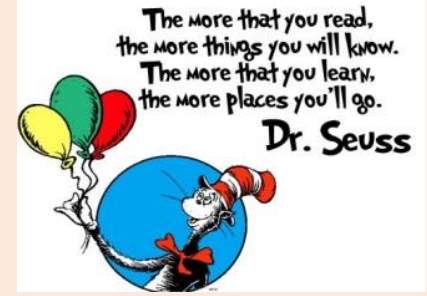
This really does make a difference to your child's progress in reading. If you would like support with this please let us know.

Library books continue to be changed on a Friday.

If any parents could spare some time to volunteer to read with children please speak to your child's class teacher.

Children will be awarded with a star reader sticker on a Friday if they have read five times or more at home during the week. You can record this in their reading record.

To complement this we have introduced a 'Get Caught Reading' challenge in class. If the children complete a reading activity in school they will be given a smiley face on their chart. Once they have received five smiley faces they will receive a prize.



World Book Day

On Thursday 1st March it is 'World Book Day' and we are having an 'Owl' theme. We will be reading 'The Owl and the Pussycat' by Edward Lear. The children are invited to dress up as a favourite book character or come wearing owl colours. Your children are welcome to bring in a favourite book from home to share with the rest of the class on Thursday.

Maths

We are learning to recognise and order numbers 0-20.

We will be solving missing number problems and talking about one more and one less. We will also be looking at problems involving grouping and sharing.

A great way to support mathematical development at home is to play board games. Snakes and Ladders, Ludo, Sorry, Frustration, Pairs and Snap are all fantastic games to develop number sense, counting, number recognition, addition as well as the important skills of turn taking, enjoyment of playing and learning about winning and losing games.

