



Reception Newsletter

Spring 2, February 2019



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*, *What the ladybird heard next* 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. 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 Leonard's Farm to experience first-hand what happens on a farm. A separate letter with more information is on its way to you.

Morning Trays

Please place any Show and Tell, tricky words to change and any letters into the class tray in a morning. Show and Tell is on a Monday only, please can we ask you NOT to send in toys.

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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Thank you for your continuing support.

Important Dates:

World Book Day- 8th March

Family Day-

RKA- afternoon Monday 18th March 1pm

RA- afternoon Tuesday 19th March 1pm

Farm Trip- Monday 25th March

Parent's Evening- 11th March 4-7.30

12th March 3.30-5.30

Chick fortnight- 1st - 12th April

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.

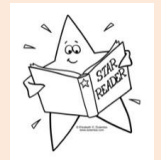
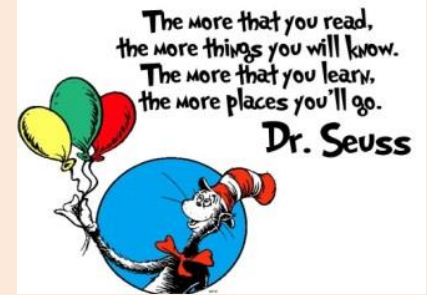
We strongly advise that you spend 5-10 minutes a day reading or practising tricky words with your child.

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 reading 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

Next week is 'World Book Day' which we will celebrate on Friday 8th. We will be reading *What the ladybird heard* by Julia Donaldson so children are invited to join the staff in dressing up as farm animals or farmers, or any character from their favourite book.

Library Donations

As you will be aware we are developing a brand new library in the small hall. If you have any good quality picture books you would like to donate they would be gratefully received. Baskets are available to leave them in in each shed

Maths

We are looking at recognising and ordering numbers 0-20 and beyond.

We will be solving missing number problems and developing addition and subtraction skills. 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. Games such as 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 to lose!

