

Welcome back after the Easter break. Our topic for this first half term will be 'The Farm' with lots of fun activities planned for the children. The children will be going on a trip to the farm where we will learn about the different animals and growing.

After half term our topic is 'Splish, Splash Splosh' will be learning about under the sea creatures and pirates! We are also hoping to have a visit from the ice cream van in our playground.

Foundation Staff

There has been a small adjustment made to our set up, and we are now working with one Foundation class and one mixed Foundation/ Nursery Class.

Ladybird Class (F2 class)

Mr Horton (Class Teacher)
Mrs Cattigan (Teaching Assistant)
Mrs Joyce (Teaching Assistant)

Butterflies Class (Mixed F1/F2)

Mr Martinez (Class Teacher)
Mrs Parish (Teaching Assistant)
Mrs Fagence (Teaching Assistant)



Mr Horton is going to be the EYFS Lead for the Summer Term. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions about this term.

We are really excited to have lots of learning and fun this term!

Our Curriculum

Reading and Writing

This term, we will be building on the fantastic progress made this year so far. The children will be learning their Set 1 and Set 2 special friends and building on their blending skills to enable them to read longer words and start reading books with sentences and stories. The next stage of their reading development is to start speedy reading some familiar words to build their reading fluency and help their comprehension. With these new skills and sound knowledge, we will be practicing writing longer phrases and sentences. We will learn about capital letters and full stops, and how we use them accurately.

Maths

The children will continue to deepen their understanding of numbers to 10 and build their problem solving skills using concepts such as doubling, halving and sharing. We will recap our knowledge number knowledge so we are more fluent in counting and number bonds. We will recap 2D shapes and 3D shapes and use mathematical terms to describe these. The children will continue to learn about different measures (length, weight, distance, capacity) and use these within their play.

Understanding of the world

During our first half term we will learn about a variety of baby and adult animals, exploring where our food comes from and go on our trip to Thrift Farm. Before our visit we will look at a map of the farm and attempt to make our own maps. We will begin to think about food grown on a farm as well as how we can take care of animals.

In the second half term, we will learn about the ocean, the importance of water and will continue to think about how we can care for the environment. During our work on pirates we will make comparisons between past and present using pictures from our stories.

Curriculum continued:

P.E

The children have PE twice a week which is taught by Mr Lands and Miss Stubbs. They will be taught a range of skills and prepare for their very first Sports Day!

Music

In music, the children will be taught by Mr McCarthy and he will teach them to listen to, sing, perform and dance along to a range of music. He will give them opportunities to play musical instruments and experiment with the different sounds they can make.

Personal Social and Emotional

We will be learning more about how to resolve conflicts between our friends and regulating our own behaviour. We will continue to develop their independence and understanding of right and wrong. We will also be learning about the concepts of cooperation through our Twins learning characters and being aspirational with our learning character Reach High Richie.

How you can help at home:

Reading

Please can you keep reading with your child every night and make a comment in their reading record book. They will receive two books. A RWI one, which has words and sounds they should be able to read, and a sharing book that you will read to them to check their understanding.

- Make sure they are bringing their book bag with them every day so we can also hear them read and change their book.
- Practice reading their RWI word lists with them.
- Read a range of different types of stories and talk about it.

Writing

Practise writing simple sentences, encouraging children to form letters correctly and include capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Maths

Practise counting, recognising and ordering numbers to 20.

Practise 1 more and 1 less than a number to 10 and identifying number bonds for numbers 1-5 and then for 6-10.

Practise doubles of numbers to 5 and halves of numbers to 10.

P.E. Kits

Children in Foundation **all need clearly named P.E. kits.**

They need black shorts and a red t-shirt.

Please make sure they are in school on Mondays and taken home to wash on Fridays.

Class Dojo

On class Dojo we will put out what the story and the learning for the week is. Talk to your child about what they did and support them with practising the learning they are doing.

Key dates

Friday 8th May — Foundation trip to Thrift Farm

W/B 18th May — STEAM Week

Friday 22nd May — INSET day

W/B 25th May — Half Term Week

Monday 8th June — Nursey Graduation Photos

Tuesday 9th June — Nursery Graduation Photos

W/B 22nd June — Healthy Schools Week

Tuesday 23rd June — Nursery Sports Day (Afternoon children)

Wednesday 24th June — *Foundation Sports Day*

Friday 26th June — *Nursery Sports Day (Morning children)*

Tuesday 14th July — *DraytonFest Summer Fayre*

Donations Needed:

Please could we have donations of recycled materials such as cereal boxes, kitchen rolls, yoghurt pots and other boxes. The children love to build and create with these items and we can't keep up with their demands!

We would also like any donations of pants, socks, trousers and tops up to age 6.

We would appreciate donations of any old wellies (any size) for when they go outside in the garden area and to the chicken allotment area.