



Class SL - Summer Term 1

We would like to take this opportunity to say welcome back and we hope you had a lovely Easter break!

We would like to let you know all about what your child will be learning this half term in the nursery.

Topics for this term:

- **Down at The Farm**

We would like to remind all parents that our doors are open at **8.45am** and you are welcome to stay and play with your child until 9am. However your child must be in school before **8.55am** as this is the end of registration.

Morning sessions end at **11.45am** and gates will be open to enable you to collect your children at this time. Afternoon sessions start at **12.15pm**, please ensure your child arrives before **12.25pm** to be registered.

For health and safety reasons, it is essential that you do not park on the school drive when dropping off or picking up your child.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be encouraging children to talk about their feelings and be sensitive to the needs and feelings of others. A feelings tree is being used in the classroom for children to express their feelings and thoughts.

We will continue to develop sharing skills and independence with dressing and hygiene.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will explore different media such as collage, chalk and ICT based resources to create picture of interest.

Farm based songs will be taught to tie in with the current topic.

Communication, Language & Literacy

During this half term in Literacy the children will explore farmyard life through listening to the stories 'Dora's Eggs' and 'The Little Red Hen'.

Daily phonics sessions will concentrate on rhythm and rhyme, including lots of singing and identifying simple rhymes in songs and stories. We will also be identifying syllables in simple words to develop phonological awareness.

Children will continue borrowing books from 'Lend a book Library'. It is very important books are returned every **Wednesday** in their original condition to be swapped for a new book to take home for the following week.

Understanding the World

Children will be learning about farm animals and their babies, in particular the life cycle of a chick, and about which animals provide us with food and/ or wool.

We will learn about seasonal changes by looking at different features in the environment (trees and plants) and weather/ temperature.

Tapestry

A huge thank you to parents who are accessing and adding comments and observations to Tapestry. They are wonderful to see and provide fantastic learning evidence.

Please will any parents who have not yet accessed Tapestry see Miss Lawton to either set up access or send a new password link to your email address?

Mathematics

We will be focusing on number recognition daily, along with counting skills and comparing different amounts of objects.

We will be exploring amounts and the language related to them such as 'bigger' and 'smaller', using counting skills and number knowledge to recognise quantities.

Our children will be number hunting and practising writing and recording numbers so any opportunities to promote this at home would be fantastic!

Physical Development

In physical development sessions children refine movements of all different parts of their bodies, including hands and fingers, which also impacts on their writing.

Lunchtime payments

reminder

If your child attends a beginning of the week session or end of week session you are required to pay lunch time cover of £2 per day (£4 in total). This amount needs to be paid on the **first** day your child attends each week, either a **Monday morning** or **Wednesday afternoon**.

Unfortunately if you fail to pay, your child **will not** be able to stay at the nursery across lunchtime. If you have any queries regarding this please see Mrs Daniels.