



"Learning together,
learning for life"

**SPRING 2
TERM 2020
KEY DATES:**

**Book Week
Reading Café**
2nd - 6th March

**Dress as a Book
Character**
5th March

Library Visit
10th March - Sun
Class
11th March - Star
and Moon Class

**Longdown Mobile
Farm**
12th March

Year R Showcase
19th March
2.30pm

Parents Evening
31st March
3.30pm-6.30pm
or
2nd April
5.00pm - 8.00pm

INSET
3rd April

Easter Holidays
6th April

Year R Newsletter - Spring 2 2020

This half term is an exciting time and we are looking forward to our Minibeasts and farm topic. With the good weather (hopefully) arriving we are looking forward to being able to do more learning outside.



<p>Communication & Language</p> <p>Children will have lots of opportunity to talk about the animals and farm visit. We also have some caterpillars arriving for the children to look at and describe changes.</p>	<p>Physical Development</p> <p>The children will be developing their physical skills. We will be going outside to practise with equipment, developing their agility and coordination. We will also be developing more accurate handwriting and cutting skills.</p>	<p>Personal, Social and Emotional</p> <p>Children will talk about how to keep themselves safe and what risks there are at the farm. They will also be learning about how to care for themselves and animals. We will be looking at feelings and talking about how we feel, and the consequences of our behaviour.</p>
<p>English</p> <p>Children will be reading a selection of fiction and non-fiction books about farms, and the animals that live on them. The children will retell stories in the correct order, talk about and compare the different characters, and say what they liked/disliked about the story. They will have the opportunity to write a list of farmer's jobs, and write fact sheets about different farm animals.</p>		<p>Maths</p> <p>We will be continuing to recognise and order numbers to 20. The children will be using money in their imaginative play and we will be encouraging them to use addition and subtraction vocabulary in their play. The children will have the opportunity to explore the capacity of different sized containers in the water tray and use language such as full, empty and half-full. They will be using scales to measure how heavy or light food items are in the farm shop role-play. The children will be developing an understanding of time and using time language.</p>
<p>Expressive Arts and Design</p> <p>This half term, the children will be using different materials and media to make animals. They will be learning songs about animals and using percussion instruments to accompany themselves.</p>	<p>Knowledge & Understanding of the World</p> <p>Children will be learning about how caterpillars grow and change into butterflies. They will also be learning about animals that live on the farm and finding out about where and how they live, what they like to eat, what their young are called and how they change and grow. The children will have the opportunity to recreate different roles in the vets, role-play farm and farm shop.</p>	
<p>RE. Easter (New Life)</p>		

Home Learning Ideas

<p>Joint challenge</p> <p>Visit a local farmers market and discuss what is available and where it comes from. Use your Maths skills to count out the money needed to buy something!</p>	<p>Parent's challenge</p> <p>Talk to your child about the caterpillars we have in each classroom. Encourage your child to describe the changes.</p>	<p>Child's challenge</p> <p>Draw and write about your favourite farm animal.</p>
<p>Homework</p> <p>Homework will continue to go home on Tuesday and must be back the following Monday. We would also like to remind everyone to write in their Reading logs 5 times a week. Children are enjoying reading their Key Word books, this can also be written in the reading logs.</p>		
<p>Useful Websites</p> <p>www.hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people</p>		

Miss Davis

Miss Brown

Miss Moody