

Term 4 : On the farm



This term in Squirrels our topic is: On the Farm

The children will be looking at food and farming, animal life cycles, the different types of farms and how our food grows and signs of Spring. Below is an outline of the things we will be covering this term across the 7 areas of learning. These can often change over the term as we plan our activities around the children's interests. We also hope to arrange a visit to a farm over the next two terms.



Home Learning:

The children will be bringing home a reading record and a reading book. We value your comments so please write in the reading record once you have heard them read. These will be checked at least once a week and books will be changed when they have been read at least twice. 3 home reads in a week will be rewarded with a sticker. When the children complete their sticker chart they will receive a prize! Homework for the Grey Squirrels (reception) will be given out weekly and I will check their books on a Thursday. If they have completed their homework at home they will receive a sticker.

Communication and Language:

The children will be listening to and retelling a variety of different stories such as; Jack and the bean stalk, The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Tree: seasons come and go. We will make small worlds to represent our topic and stories so the children can have opportunities to talk and use vocabulary correctly.

Physical Development:

The children will develop their fine motor skills in the classroom and their gross motor skills during PE. This term in PE we will be focusing on throwing and catching. We will be developing our team work skills.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

The children will learn about 'Me and my world.' During this topic the children will discuss who looks after them, where they live and how all of our lives can vary from each other. We will look at stories such as; Two monsters, All kinds of beliefs and Not like the others.

Literacy (reading and writing):

The children will continue to develop their blending in phonics and they will continue to learn the correct letter formation. Some children will continue to write in full sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will encourage the children to sound out words independently using a sound mat for support.

Maths:

The children will secure their counting to 20 and be able to make number bonds to 10. We will start the term by looking at one more and one less and hope to develop our fluency and number recognition.

Expressive Arts and Design:

To explore the art of Eric Carle and his style of art. The children will be exploring his stories and have a go at interpreting their own style of his images, we will look at collage and textures.

Understanding the World:

This is a very busy term with lots of different celebrations and beliefs. Some of the areas the children will explore include; Pancake Day, World Book Day, Spring and Easter.

Dates for the diary:

Book and biscuit mornings –
11th March, 25th March 8:50-9:15

World Book Day – March 4th
Pancake after school club – TBC
Farm trip - TBC