

Welcome to Reception



This half term, our topic is:

FARMERS AND FRIENDS

Here is some information on how we will support the children through the 7 areas of learning:

Communication and Language.

We will develop our vocabulary using themed stories and weekly talking points. We will discuss and come up with questions we would like to ask a farmer about their job.



Expressive Arts and Design



We will design self portraits inspired by the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo. We will develop roles through imaginative play in our Westfield Farm shop.

Physical Development

PE sessions in Reception will continue to be every Wednesday morning.

We will be taking part in multi-skills.

In the classroom, we will continue to explore activities to strengthen and refine our fine motor muscles to support our writing. We will also use our outdoor area to develop balance, co-ordination and spatial awareness.

Literacy

We will continue to practise the 42 individual letter sounds through Jolly Phonics. We will begin to learn alternative sounds.



We will continue to learn 'tricky words', these are words that cannot be sounded out! Children will bring these home to practise at home too.

During activities in the classroom, we will be working hard to blend sounds together to read words and segment the sounds in words to write them down, listening carefully for each individual sound!

We will be developing our 'Talk4Writing' skills through lots of story telling, retelling and role-play. We will be creating story maps to help us remember the sequence of a story and use our phonics skills to help us to write alternative endings.

Maths

We will be comparing numbers, mass and capacity and develop our mathematical vocabulary.



We will be combining 2 amounts to find the total and begin to record using number sentences. We will also explore measure through using language to describe length, height and time.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will talk about and share our ideas as part of a group.

We will play cooperatively and take turns in games and play.

We will work as part of a team and learn more about the importance of sharing.



Understanding The World

We will learn about where our food comes from.

We will learn about farm animals and their babies.

We will plant our own crops to harvest in the summer.



HOME LEARNING

We would be so excited to see any writing, maths and creative activities you have been doing at home. When brought into school we will encourage the children to take part in 'show and tell' to the class. If you would like to explore our 'Farmers and friends' topic, here are some ideas (but please feel free to use your own ideas too):



Design a map of a farm.



Write a list of animals that often live on farms. Do you know what their babies are called?



Wheat grows on farms. Have a look in your food cupboards at home with a grown up. Can you find any foods that are made from wheat?



Use different technology to take photographs of a celebration.



Draw a picture of some different foods that farmers grow in their fields in the UK. Label your pictures.



Use everyday objects to create a farmyard model. Talk about their properties, can you name what 3D shape they are?