



Spring 1
Newsletter

Welcome to Reception



This half term, our topic is: **FARMERS AND FRIENDS**

'Fast fact': By the end of Reception, children should understand 'one more than/one less than' of consecutive numbers.

If you need to speak to the class teacher please email us at reception@westfield.staffs.sch.uk

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

Communication and Language.

Develop our vocabulary using themed stories and participating in 'show and tell'. Identify and discuss questions we would like to ask a farmer about their job.



Expressive Arts and Design

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 will continue to be every Wednesday morning. Please send your child into school wearing appropriate clothing and footwear.

In the classroom, we will continue to explore activities to strengthen and refine our fine motor muscles to support our writing.

In PE, develop balance, co-ordination and spatial awareness.

Maths

Combine 2 amounts to find the total and begin to record using number sentences.

Compare numbers, mass and capacity using mathematical vocabulary.

Explore measure through using language to describe length, height and time.



Literacy

In Phonics lessons we will learn grapheme, phoneme correspondence, focusing on digraphs and trigraphs. Practise teacher led blending and oral blending to read words.

We will continue to learn 'tricky words', these are words that cannot be sounded out, such as, was, you and they. 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. Use our phonics skills to help us to facts about farming, food and animals.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Talk about and share our ideas as part of a group.

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

Learn about where our food comes from,

farm animals and their babies.

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?



Plant your own seeds to harvest in Summer.
What does a seed need to grow?



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?