



St Anthony's - Year R

Summer 2019

Welcome back! This term is always a favourite of mine as the children continue to develop their skills and become more independent learners. Our new topic is 'Down on the Farm' we have planned lots of exciting farm themed activities! As the sun promises to make an appearance we intend to get outside-

Communication, Language and Literacy:

This term we will be enjoying both Fiction and Non Fiction books related to Farms. We will be reading and retelling farm stories. Finding out about farming using nonfiction books. Writing our own farm fact sheets.

Phonics

20 minute discreet phonics teaching will continue as we work through the digraphs and trigraphs in Phase 3 (2 or 3 letters making 1 sound). We will also be learning how to read and write our tricky words.

The children will have daily opportunities to apply handwriting and phonic skills in Guided writing activities.

Guided Reading The children will be reading in small groups using our new bug club online resource.

Maths: Number and Shape, Space and Measures

We will be learning to

- Selects the correct numeral to represent 1-10.
- Estimates an amount then counts to check.
- Uses language such as more, fewer to compare amounts.
- Find the total number in two groups by counting all of them.
- Finds 1 more and 1 less
- Ordering numbers to 20.
- Double
- Halve
- Add 2 single digit numbers.
- Subtract 2 single digit numbers. Mathematical names for 2D and 3D shapes.
- Describe position.
- Orders items by length or height.
- Orders capacity.
- Everyday language related to time
- Measure short periods of time.
- Recognise create and describe patterns.

Understand the World:

This term we will be venturing to the ICT suite to start using the computers. The children will be using 'Purple Mash' software to complete simple activities on the computer,

We will be learning about the natural world through regular welly walks and gardening.

We will be learning about how farming has changed over time.

We will be learning about farm animals, what these different animals and their babies are called.

We will be watching our chicks hatch and learn about how they developed in their eggs. We will thin about how farming provides us with our food.

Creative Development

The children will continue to paint and build in the creative area.

They will be creating dinosaur bone pictures using collage materials.

We will be learning some dinosaur songs and thinking how we can make dinosaur sounds using the instruments.

In PE we will be moving and dancing like dinosaurs.

Physical Development:

The children will continue to work on their gross motor skills in PE. Their focus is on active athletics.

In class the children will continue to have opportunities to work on fine motor skills including regular handwriting sessions.

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Easter - The children will discuss and respond to the story of the resurrection. They will learn about the feelings of excitement and joy. They will think of times they have felt excitement and joy like this. They will then link this to the emotions of those discovering the empty tomb.

Pentecost and Mission -

The children will listen to and act out the story of Pentecost. They will learn Jesus sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. They will learn what this meant for the disciples and for Christians today.

continuing to plant up in the garden, we will commence very soon so I expect there will be lots of muddy boots around!

How you can help your child:

Reading:

The children are all now well established on the reading scheme. It is vital that they read frequently at home as this practise will ensure they make good progress in their reading. Please record in your child's reading diary when you have worked on their phonics, key words or reading book. Now that the children have reading books, they are able to work towards our reading certificates. If they manage to read 4 times a week for ten weeks then they receive a certificates in celebration assembly. Please also practise the tricky words that are attached to the children's reading record.

Writing:

We continue to encourage have a go writing in school, the children attempt to write words by saying all the sounds they can hear in a word and trying to write them down. It's is great for children to see adults modelling writing - let them help you with your shopping list, notes to family members or even when you write in their reading record. It's lovely to see examples of children's writing that they have done at home - this can be done through Tapestry or by bringing writing into school.

Spelling: If you would like to practise spelling at home you could use the key word cards that come home and see if your child can remember how to spell them.

Maths: Have some fun with Maths at home - Look at numbers in the environment and get the children to read them to you. Children love numbers especially big ones! Pair up socks and count how many there are altogether - some children may be able to count in twos. Share out snacks and count how many you have each. See if the children can work out simple addition and subtractions on their fingers.

PE kit:

Please make sure your child has his/her PE kit in school on **Monday to Friday**. This should include a pair of shorts, a t-shirt, and daps/trainers. If your child has pierced ears, please ensure their earrings are removed or taped on these days.

Outdoor Clothing

Please ensure your child has a coat in school for outdoor play and learning on chilly days. If you have waterproof trousers and wellies they would be great for our welly walks and mud kitchen. A sun hat is important for sunny days. Children may bring in sun cream but they must be able to apply it themselves and they may not share.

We will be starting planting this term - if any of you are keen gardeners and have vegetable plants that you have grown but won't be using we would love some for our veggie patch. This may give us a head start!

It's really great to see evidence of the children's home learning on tapestry. It's easy to add a photo and comment using a mobile or tablet.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come in and see me.

Many thanks,

Mrs Ellie Myatt