



This term we will learn through the topics; 'At the Farm' and 'We are Explorers' as well as, through children's interests. We will also explore celebrations such as Father's Day and the Queens Jubilee.



Prime Areas of Learning

Personal, Social & Emotional Development	Communication and Language	Physical Development
The children will learn to take account of one another's ideas in play and through group activities such as circle time. They will be thinking about how their actions affect others and about managing their feelings and behaviour. They will develop their understanding of our school rules and what they mean to them. Later in the term, they will prepare for transition to Year 1. They will prepare for changes of routine and think about their hopes and wishes for Year 1.	The children will continue developing their listening and concentration skills, learning to listen attentively in a range of situations. 'Lola the Listening Leopard' will support their development through circle games and group activities. We will use a range of class texts, including 'The Little Red Hen', 'What the Ladybird Heard', 'Handa's Surprise' and 'Rainbow Fish' to develop the children's language. They will learn to respond to stories with relevant comments and questions, showing awareness of the listener.	The children will continue to develop independence, managing their own basic hygiene and personal needs. In our Kinetic Letters sessions, the children will hold a pencil more effectively and will learn formations for lowercase and uppercase letters. They will continue to explore letter families, letter groups and key movements as they develop their formation skills. In PE, children will take part in activities that enable them to develop good control and coordination such as holding balances and poses.

Specific Areas of Learning

Literacy	Mathematics
Children will build on their phonic knowledge of different sounds, including the different vowel sounds, and will begin to blend consonants. In our daily phonics lessons, they will start to read longer words. The children read within a group, three times a week to develop their fluency, expression, and comprehension. They also apply their phonic knowledge to spell and write words. The children will be encouraged to independently formulate and write their own simple sentences each week using full stops, capital letters and finger spaces.	The children will consolidate their key skills, including subitising, counting, composition, sorting and matching and comparing and ordering. They will explore numbers beyond 10, thinking about building numbers and counting patterns. They will use number shapes, 10 frames and beads strings to support them. The children will also look at adding more and taking away. They will explore doubling, sharing and grouping as well as the concept of odd and even. The children will develop their spatial reasoning, while they learn about shapes, pattern and positional language.
Understanding the World	Expressive Art and Design
The children will explore seasonal change as spring turns to summer, looking for signs of summer in our outdoor area. There will be a virtual farm visit, where children will learn all about the different farm animals and will be encouraged to ask questions. We will look at the foods we get from farm animals too. The children will also be learning about our Queen, ready to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. After half term, the children will be learning all about the wider world and looking at different places. We will be thinking about towns and cities and how places are similar or different to where we live.	The children will learn to use props to retell familiar stories in sequence. They will learn to develop their own narratives with their peers as they role play. The children will enjoy imaginative play in a range of role play areas, including a Farm Shop. They will design and make their own bread rolls. The children will use a variety of materials, tools and techniques throughout the term as they design, make and create in their play.

Things to Do at Home

Sound Packs; we will continue to add new sounds and tricky words to your child's sound pack each week. Please look at the sounds and make words using the word lists suggested on Class Dojo. Each week, we will share the focus of our phonics lessons on Class Dojo with a few sentences for you to practise at home with your children. You may also like to play games on the Phonics Play website to help your child with their Phonics. <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Scheme Readers and ebooks; we will continue to set Collins Big Cat and Oxford Owl ebooks on Class Dojo each week, as well as sending home a scheme book each week. Please read daily, talking about key events and story characters etc. with your child. The books and ebooks include support notes and key questions

Maths; count forwards and backwards to 20 regularly. When out and about look for numerals and encourage the counting of objects. Explore more than and less than by singing counting songs and playing Maths games. You may find this website useful for Maths activities; <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting>

Letter Formation; we will regularly send home letter formation sheets for the Kinetic Letter Families we are working on in school; please complete these with your child.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask to a member of the Reception Team. You can message us directly on Dojo at your convenience.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to working with you and your child this term. 😊