

Key Dates and Events

Monday 1st May– Bank Holiday
Friday 5th May—Picnic on the Field
Monday 8th May– Bank Holiday
Tuesday 15th May– Walk to see ponies on Green Close (Afternoon) TBC
Thursday 18th May– Class Photos
Monday 22nd May– Acorn Class trip to Farmer Palmers (all day) TBC

Show and Tell Themes and Suggested Experiences to Support Learning

Week 1: My Easter Holiday-photographs, tickets, souvenirs, a drawing or some writing about your holiday.

Week 2: Eggs: can you decorate an egg or make a picture? Learn about an animal that comes from an egg, stories about an egg, photographs of an Easter egg hunt, can you cook different types of egg at home? Do you have chickens at home- bring in their eggs to show us.

Week 3: Insects: Go on a bug hunt together or go to the library to look for a book about insects.

Week 4: Tractors and Farm Machinery: information books, stories, tractor toys, pedal tractors, photographs of tractor rides, some research about a farm machine

Week 5: Seeds, crops and vegetables: have you been growing anything in your garden? Photographs, seed packets, plants that can be brought in. Cook/prepare some veg at home and share pictures on tapestry. Are there any crop fields near you? What is growing? Visit a garden centre or an allotment and tell us about your visit.

Our Topic—Life Journeys

We will be learning about farming with a focus on new life and growth. To support your child's learning this half term you could plant seeds visit a farm, walk around the crop fields and discuss what is growing, look for changes in nature and talk about where our food comes from. ***If you have any farming, gardening or animal experiences you could share with the class this half term please let me know.***

Key vocabulary: crops, growth, machinery, life cycle, harvest



Home Learning

Focus for the half term: ***handwriting skills and ability to write down each digraph from memory.***

You could try these things at home to support your child:

- Writing with chalks on the ground
- Making digraphs out of objects on a walk
- Making a 'writing den' by taping paper under a table.

Forest School

Forest School will continue to be on Wednesday afternoons this half term. Please provide your child with sun cream and a hat during the warmer weather.

PE

PE will be on **Friday mornings**. Children will need suitable footwear for the field as we will begin practising athletic skills for Sports Day.

Key Texts for Literacy



To support your child further you could visit the library and take out some information books about farming.

Our Writing Focus

We will be focusing on writing a recount .

Why not help your child keep a diary by writing a sentence about something they have done each day?

Maths Skills to Master

We will now begin to look at numbers 11 10 20. We will be using Numicon to support the children's understanding that teen numbers are made from a 10 and some ones. You can try this at home with counters or Lego bricks.



Fun with Phonics!

This half term we will move into Phase 4 of our phonics programme. There are no new phonemes to be learned in this phase but the children will learn to read and spell words containing adjacent consonants eg: lift, hand, soft, belt.