

Key Dates and Events

Thursday 16th April– Walk to a local farm
Monday 4th May: Bank Holiday
Thursday 14th May: Class photos
Friday 15th May: Sponsored Walk
Tuesday 19th May: Trip to Farmer Palmers
22nd May: Last day of half term

Show and Tell Themes and Suggested Experiences to Support Learning

Week 1: My Easter Holiday We would love to see photo's of what you have been up to over the Easter Holidays.

Week 2: Tractors and Farm Machinery: information books, stories, tractor toys, pedal tractors, photographs of tractor rides, some research about a farm machine

Week 3: 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.

Week 4: Insects: Go on a bug hunt together or go to the library to look for a book about insects.

Week 5: 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 6: Own Choice

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.**



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. During warm weather please make sure children have sun hats and sun cream.

PE

PE will be on **Tuesday afternoons**

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 .

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

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