

Dear parents and carers

We hope you enjoyed your half term break and are looking forward to the start of Spring and the lighter evenings. The theme for this half term will be 'Farming, Plants and Animals'. As well as our over-arching theme, we are led by the children's interests, so who knows where they will take us this term. Throughout the term we will continue to share your child's learning via Dojo.

Best wishes, Miss Dooler & Mrs Latcham



PE day will continue to be **Monday & Wednesday**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their Armfield PE kit on these days and earrings removed.

Reading books will come home on a **Thursday**. Please ensure your child returns their book on a **Monday** each week. Your child may also bring home a book from the library. Please return this book with their reading book.

Important dates for your diaries:

Parents Evening: **Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th February**

World Book Day: **Thursday 7th March**

Outdoor Activity Day: **Thursday 21st March**

Communication, Language and Literacy

In EYFS we focus on listening, attention and understanding and speaking. Our T4W (Talk 4 Writing) focus this term will be on growth and change. The main text we will be using is 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle.

We will be reading a range of other fiction and non-fiction texts like, 'Handa's Surprise' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We will be developing our speaking skills by re-telling stories and learning traditional Nursery Rhymes.

Daily phonics sessions will continue with a review of Phase 3 then double letters. The children will not learn any more new sounds this term, but they should continue to practise the sounds already taught. Thank you for your continued support at home.

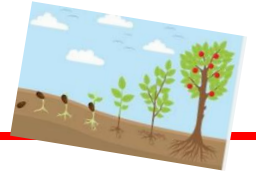
Click to find out more about Talk 4 Writing

<https://youtu.be/VI2OWdZo6nY>



Understanding the World

The children will be finding out all about farming, learn about growing food on farms and the vegetables grown in the UK. We will explore life cycles and farm animals and have a go at planting and growing our own plants and vegetables. We will also discover and taste exotic fruits from other countries.



Home Learning

Please support your child to practise and reinforce the phonemes and graphemes we are learning in phonics. More information can be found on the Little Wandle website:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Please practise the Tricky Words that are sent home,

Physical Development

The children will continue to focus on fundamental movement skills in PE and take part in the Daily Mile and Balance Bike sessions.

We will also focus on pencil control and using small tools effectively to cut, paint and draw.



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Farming, Plants & Animals



Personal, Social and Emotional

We will be focusing on sharing, turn taking, listening and conflict resolution. We will take part in turn taking activities and games to develop our sharing and listening skills. We will also have lots of discussions about how we can resolve conflicts based on our own/others feelings.

We will start to talk about job roles of people we know and what we would like to do when we grow up.

Maths

The children will continue to follow the White Rose Maths curriculum. As mathematicians, we will be developing our understanding of numbers to 10. We will learn representation and composition of numbers, how to write these numbers and how to find one more, one less. We will also be developing skills in mass and capacity and developing vocabulary like 'heavier, lighter, full, empty'. We will also be learning about length, height and time and an understanding of ordering and sequencing.



Expressive Art and Design

We will continue to learn lots of different songs and use different instruments to explore music from around the world.

We will be exploring and using a variety of artistic effects to express ideas and feelings including creating still life paintings and Arcimboldo inspired art work.