



Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Thursday 27th February 2025

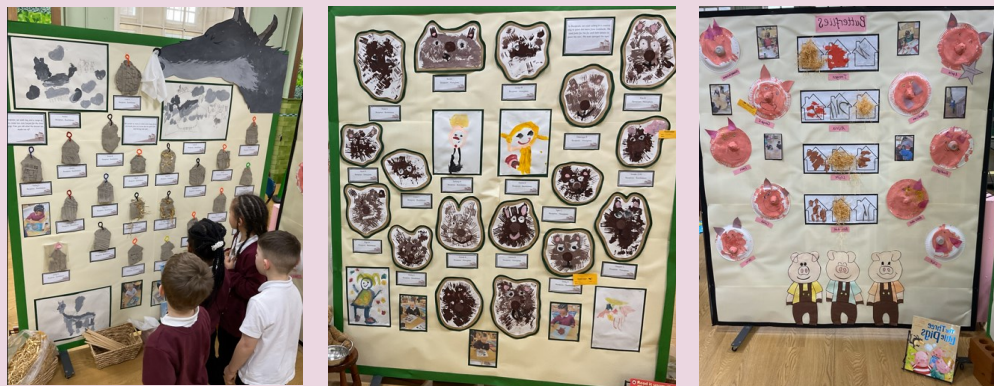
Early Years

What did we learn last half term?

At the start of the Spring Term, we learnt about New Year Celebrations around the world, including Chinese New Year, Persian New Year and Holi.

For the rest of the half term, Early Years learnt about lots of famous Nursery Rhymes and Traditional Tales. Caterpillars enjoyed learning a range of nursery rhymes like Incy Wincy Spider and Twinkle Twinkle. Butterflies learnt a mixture of nursery rhymes and traditional tales such as Humpty Dumpty and The Gingerbread Man. In Reception, in Drawing Club, we drew and wrote our own versions of the stories, with a twist! We also learnt about winter, what the weather is like in winter and seasonal changes like hibernation and migration.

We had a fantastic time creating lots of beautiful art work for the Art Exhibition.



What will we be learning about this half term?

In Spring 2, we will be focusing on the theme 'Down On The Farm'

This half term, children in the Early Years will be learning about what life is like on a farm. We will be looking at the animals that live on the farm, including the adults and the names of their young. We will be learning about what fruit and vegetables grow on the farm, where they grow and how they are harvested. In DT, we will be designing and making farm animal sock and hand puppets, using sewing to join materials. In science, we will be growing our own fruit and vegetables as well as healthy eating and having a balanced diet.

In Reception, we will be going on a school trip to East Hull Community Farm on **Wednesday 26th March** (more information will be sent out soon).

Nursery are having a special visit from the Purple Pig company.

They will get to see and pet farm animals from our Nursery garden!



What Can You Do to Help?

- In Reception, please read with your child at least three times a week; including bed time stories you share together. This has a massive impact on their reading abilities and development as they move through the year.
- Try to help your child learn their numbers to 10, including counting forwards and backwards to 10 from any number. This could be done through counting games or nursery rhymes like '5 little ducks'.
- Support your child to hold a knife and fork correctly when eating at home.
- Reception PE day is **Thursday**.

Attendance

Last term, our whole school attendance was **94%**

Bumblebees: 95% Honeybees: 95%

Butterflies: 90% Caterpillars: 99%

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 6th March:	World Book Day (Dress as an animal)
Tuesday 11th March:	EYFS Open Evening 4:00pm - 4:45pm
Friday 14th March:	Red Nose Day (wear something red)
Wednesday 19th March:	Purple Pig Mobile Farm visit in Nursery
Wednesday 19th March:	Nursery Parents Evening
Thursday 20th March:	Nursery Parents Evening
Wednesday 26th March:	Reception Trip to East Hull Community Farm
Friday 2nd April:	End of Spring Term

