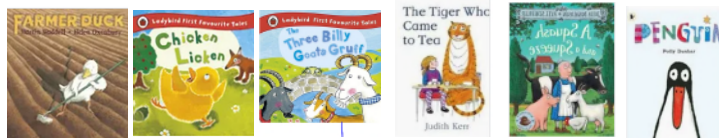




Reception Term 5 Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a happy and safe break. We are excited for another fun-filled term full of lots of exciting learning opportunities. We are focusing on the following texts and tales this term, which link to our overarching theme of 'Awesome Animals':



Text

- Farmer Duck
- Tale – Chicken Licken
- Tale – The Billy Goats Gruff
- Text – The Tiger Who Came For Tea
- Text – A Squash and a Squeeze
- Text - Penguin

Literacy:

We will teach the children the following objectives to improve their writing: to begin to write longer words which are spelt phonetically; to begin to use capital letters at the start of a sentence and full stops at the end of sentences; to use finger spaces between words, and to spell some taught tricky words correctly. We will also be asking the children to read their work back. We will continue to practise forming lower case letters and capital letters using the correct orientation. In reading, we will begin to answer questions about what we have read and use vocabulary that is influenced by our experiences of books.

Maths:

In our maths lessons and adult-led groups we will be counting forwards and backwards from different numbers. We will compare and order numbers to 10 and we will investigate odd and even numbers as well as learning to double numbers to 10. We will also find number bonds for the numbers 9 and 10.

PE / Physical Development

Our whole class PE session will be on a **Wednesday afternoon** in the school hall. In PE, our focus will be dance. The children will learn how to make different shapes and movements with their bodies and create a dance with a partner and as a class.

Outdoor Learning

In Reception, we learn both indoors and outside, and we will be outside during all weathers. On our Welly Walks we will continue to look for signs of Spring as the warmer weather arrives!

Online Safety:

We will continue to teach children about keeping safe online during our weekly Computing lessons. This term our focus will be Online Relationships. The children will learn the ways that the internet can be used to communicate.

Reading and Homework

Please login to your child's Collins account to access their eBook that they have been practising in school. We ask that you read this book a minimum of once per week and record this in your child's reading record. The children will also bring home a reading for pleasure book which you can read in addition to the eBook. We ask children to read a minimum of 5 times per week. The number of reads are counted in school each week and prizes for every 25 reads are rewarded in our celebration assemblies.

We encourage children to share their new learning with their families, so phonics and tricky words homework will be sent home every **Friday** and should be returned on a **Wednesday**. This will allow you to support your child at home and see what great learning they have been doing. We will also be sending home some letter formation practise from this term, so please support your child with this, too.

Roves Farm

This term we are excited to visit Roves Farm on 18th April. Please let the school office know if you would like to volunteer to help.

Thank you for your continued support; we look forward to sharing another fantastic term with you and your children.

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