



Reception Newsletter

News

After a fantastic summer term 1, we are excited to have our lovely cohort back in school for our final term in school. We hope that they are just excited to be back in school for more learning and growing.

Outdoor P.E. will continue every Tuesday afternoon after a successful start last term. MK Dons will continue to lead this and will focus on multi-skills as well as other football skills. Please ensure that your child has appropriate outdoor P.E clothes every week as the weather is changing i.e. t-shirt, shorts and outside trainers. T-shirts and shorts should be in the school uniform colours of a white T-shirt with plain black or blue shorts.

We will be advising parents to leave P.E bags in school as Reception will have extra P.E sessions to practise athletics in preparation for Sports Day. Also, library day will continue to be on a Tuesday afternoon.

Our trip to Herrings Green Farm and Birds of Prey Centre will be taking place this week, Thursday 8th June. Please refer to our most recent letter to parents in regards to appropriate dress code.

Reception will soon have the opportunity to visit Year 1 to begin the transition process. Towards the end of term, Year 1 teachers will then have a chance to visit Reception children to read them a story.

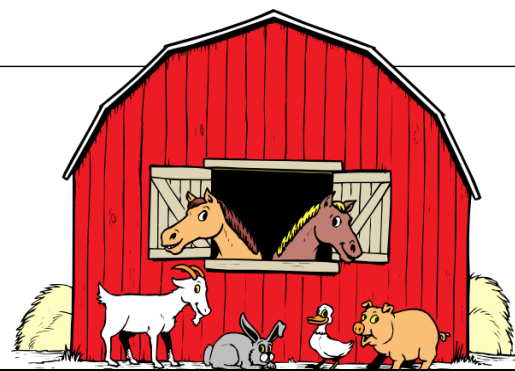
Thank you for your continuing support.

Learning

During this term Reception children will be learning about the farm. Our memorable experience this term will be the farm trip. Our text focus will be 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson. Children will be writing factual captions and sentences linked to farming. They will learning about farm animals - adults and their young. Children will get the opportunity to do coding, using maps and Beebots.

Reception children will be exploring jobs on farms, animals, crops etc. Maths will focus on problem solving with a farm theme where we will be learning about one more and one less, sharing animals between fields and subtraction. Please do use Purple Mash for farm based activities. Also, there is a lovely show about the farm on Cbeebies 'Down on the farm' that you can share with your child as we will be watching a few episodes in school also. For Art, children will be painting, drawing and observing vegetables and exploring which ones have seeds.

Please also read a range of stories about farms with your child, fiction and non-fiction.



Do Cows drink milk?

Do Cows drink milk? Where does food come from? How do seeds grow? What plants need to grow? Who works on a farm? What are your favourite toppings on a pizza? Where do you think they come from? Where do you think they grow? Reception children will be learning to identify which animals live on a farm and which ones don't. They will be exploring farm machinery and healthy foods. Children will have the opportunity to role play and take roles of a farmer giving sheepdog instructions.

Reception children will also have the opportunity to cook this term. They will be baking a variety of goodies for Enterprise Week this week.



Throughout the year, all topic activities are linked to all areas of learning as well as the characteristics of learning to ensure a broad and balanced curriculum for the children.

Things you could do at home...

- Watch 'Down on the Farm' episodes on Cbeebies
- Online farm activities on 'Mini-Mash' (Purple Mash)
- Can you draw a farm and label it?
- Can you make a farm vehicle using junk modelling?
- Read the story 'The Little Red Hen (Makes a Pizza) by Philemon Sturges and help the Little Red Hen make a pizza.
- Make a list or draw of your favourite farm animals. Can write why they are your favourite?