

Welcome back!

This half term, we will be building up the children's understanding of the natural world and our place in it by exploring the topic of gardens and farms. You will have noticed the difference Mrs Norwood has made to our own garden - the children will enjoy watching the plants they have planted grow and bloom. We will also be planting some cress seeds and watching their rapid changes while learning what they need to live and grow.

Our farm trip is on Tuesday 3rd July. More details about what to bring on the day will follow, nearer the time. Bocketts Farm is extremely well organised and the children will have a stimulating and enjoyable day there, whatever the weather. The majority of our children will be starting school in September, and we will do our best to build up their confidence and independence this half term.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Norwood, Mrs Bangs and all of the Nursery Staff.



Mathematical Development

The children will continue to develop their number recognition and will extend their experience of numbers beyond 10. They will be encouraged to find the missing numbers from a number line and also complete some number problem activities. The children will then be encouraged to make 1 more and 1 less than a number in practical contexts and to represent these numbers in different ways. They will also be encouraged to start adding two groups together using visual cues.

Subtraction will be explored, beginning with familiar songs and rhymes - Ten in a Bed, Five Currant Buns, etc.

Physical Development

P.E will continue to be on a Friday and we will continue using larger equipment with the children. We will also be developing their listening and attention skills further through music and movement.

We will continue to do the Daily Mile - the children are encouraged to keep running, jogging or walking around the track for about 10 minutes. Some love to challenge themselves to do "one more" and relish the feeling of achievement when they do. Others just like to walk and chat to friends, or use the circuit to extend role-play they enjoy.

We will continue to encourage the children to notice the effects of exercise on their bodies.



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Understanding of the World

The children will be finding out how plants grow, observing those they have been planting in the garden with Mrs Norwood, and planting cress. They will be learning a little about the products we get from animals and what we need to do to look after animals in our environment and animals at home. We will be continuing with R.E every Wednesday. Our new R.E theme is, 'Who cares for our special world and why?'

Literacy

The children will continue to develop their phonic knowledge. We will continue to work through the phonemes (single letters and combinations) z & zz, qu, ch, sh, th and ng, and we will focus more on segmenting and blending. We will continue to develop letter formation and the children will be encouraged to try and form recognisable letters in the school script wherever possible, as well as to segment cvc words in order to write them.

The children will be trying to segment and blend cvc words to support them in their reading. This will be achieved through games and activities. For example, using puppets, objects, songs and clapping out words. The children will also build words using phoneme bibs and phoneme cards.

At home, you could support your child in their name writing (using the school script) and also by encouraging them to write any sounds they can hear in words. For example, if they have drawn a picture of a hen, can they write the first sound of the word? The last? Say the word very slowly and listen for the sounds you can hear.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

The children will be encouraged to start resolving conflicts independently, with our support. This will help them to develop their confidence and begin talking to their peers about sharing and turn taking. We will give the children opportunities to talk about themselves in a positive way and identify their abilities.

After the May half term, we ask the children to come into the Nursery as independently as they can. This will help develop their independence and make the transition from Nursery into Reception a bit easier.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we will be developing the children's role-play and encouraging them to act out stories they have heard.

They will be encouraged to use different equipment and objects to support them in their role-play and begin to introduce their own stories into their play.

We will be exploring colour mixing and investigating different techniques in our artwork.

