

Spring Two Oak 2

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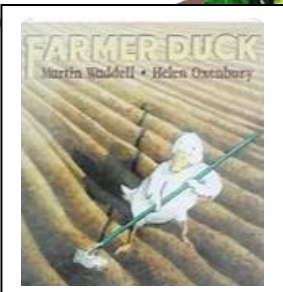
Welcome back to a brand new half term at Bearwood. We hope that you had a fantastic fun filled half term despite the rain! This newsletter is to let you know about all the exciting things that the children will be learning in Oak 2 over the next half term in our topic 'Down on the farm.'

Literacy

This half term in Literacy, we will be practising writing simple sentences. The children will be encouraged to use finger spaces, full stops and taught how to use a tricky key word mat to support them when spelling. We will begin our 'Royal writer.' initiative to encourage children to write independently during their play. The children will also begin to use their pencil target to check and improve their work.



We are reading...



Phonics

Oak 2 will recap the phase 3 graphemes and corresponding phonemes this half term. They will continue to practice reading longer words by chunking the word into smaller sections too.



Maths

In maths, we will begin to look at patterns within number, in our everyday activities, such as, how many are here today? We will be focusing on the numbers 8,9,10 and how to add, subtract count and share within these quantities. We will continue to carry out daily snack math's, focusing on the composition of a number up to 10 and identifying doubles and odd and even numbers within this small session.

Reading

Children who enjoy reading regularly thrive in their learning and therefore children are asked to read with an adult for 5- 10 minutes every day to rehearse this skill and develop a love of reading. This could be school books, library books as well as own reading books.

Reading books will be changed once a week to allow children to develop fluency and a good understanding of the vocabulary within the book. They will read this book three times in school before it is sent home.

Communication Language and Literacy

This half term, the children will continue 'Taking Ted Home.' They will begin to innovate the 'Taking Teddy Home' story with their own adventures. The children will continue to be expected to have lots of time to talk to their partners during carpet sessions expressing their thoughts and ideas in full sentences.

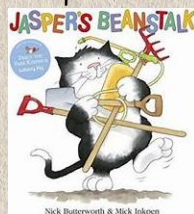
Expressive Arts and Design

This half term, the children will learn how to do an observational drawing, using previously learnt skills of how to use a curved and straight line in their work. The children will be encouraged to return to their art work they have started and enhance it. The children will continue to follow the 'Charanga' scheme of work for music developing their improvisation skills.



Knowledge and Understanding of the world

This half term, we will be learning about how to look after and care for living things. The children will learn how to plant a seed and how to look after it. The children will learn about growth and change within animals, with an exciting trip to the farm. The children will link this learning to the previous topic 'All about me' and how they grow and change like plants and animals.



We will be thinking about the festival of Holi and comparing it to festivals our own families celebrate. We will also learn about how Christians celebrate Easter and salvation.

Enrichment and Home learning

The children will enjoy exploring Longdown Dairy Farm to enrich our 'Down on the farm.' topic. The children will also have the opportunity to watch caterpillars transform into butterflies and eggs hatch into chicks supporting our learning of 'growth and change.'

The children will continue their learning about seasons with a spring walk in the local area, looking for signs of spring.

Home learning will commence in the first week back of school. As usual, if you would like any new key words for your child to practice at home, please ask any one of the Early Years team.

PSED

We will continue to follow the PSED program of study, Jigsaw. This half term the focus is 'Healthy Me.' We will continue to have safety lessons within our safety curriculum. We will also have Road Safety sessions delivered by BCP Council.

Computing

In computing, we will use an electronic microscope to look at growth and change of things in our outside garden. The children will begin to visit the ICT suite and learn how to log onto a computer.

Physical Development

We have PE lessons every Monday and Friday this term so please ensure that your child wears their full PE kit on these days. Please also ensure that their PE kit is **fully named**. This half term in PE we will be focusing on gymnastics and games.

Children who have recently had their ears pierced should cover them with tape, **but once they have healed, they must not wear earrings for any PE lessons. Please provide your children with tape and show them how to use it as we are not able to help with this.**