



Dear Parents/Carers,
Another term has passed us by as we prepare to enter the first of our summer terms.

Overview of Reception themes for the rest of the year & approximate costs

Sum 1 **Fun on the Farm**– We are really excited about our learning this term as we embark on lots of learning about animals, habitats and lifecycles. We now have our zoo trip planned and are super excited to be going at the end of June!

Sum 2 **Seasides, Pirates & Mermaids** – Finally, as we approach our final term, we are planning on creating lots of fun adventures in school and we will be building our own seaside!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children have adapted brilliantly to the new routines of lining up on the playground and carrying their own coats and book bags and put these away independently! Please continue to encourage your child to change their reading books when needed and to hand in any homework and slips independently as we will soon be preparing the children for transition into Year One.

Fun on the Farm

Our theme for Summer 1 is Fun on the Farm. This theme will begin with farm animals and progress onto zoo animals ready for our trip to Hamerton Zoo. We will also gain an understanding of some foods

that come from farms and become farm experts! If anyone thinks they may be able to put us in contact with someone that might be willing to allow us to take the children to Asda and give them a tour and little talk about the fruit and vegetables there, please speak to Mrs Frost. Also, if by chance you know a farmer who would be willing to bring a tractor to school one day to allow the children the experience of sitting in a tractor and

to talk to the children about it please do get in touch with us!



Communication Language and Literacy

In English, our main story in Talk for Writing will be The Three Billy Goats Gruff. The children will learn this story off by heart before innovating as a class to develop their story writing. The children will continue their Read, Write, Inc sessions where they are learning phonic sounds in order to help them to progress with their reading and writing. Your child will bring home a phonics pack daily (which should also be returned to school each day). Please continue to practise with the sounds and words in these packs. Some children are also now bringing home reading books, which they should be able to read confidently once they bring them home. Please encourage your children to read these.



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Maths

In maths, we will continue with our mastery approach. Therefore rather than focussing on moving up to higher numbers, we will continue our numbers up to 20 and then consolidate our learning, working on our number sense exploring what numbers are and the different ways we can represent them. This will include ordering numbers, saying which number is one more/ one less and using objects to add and subtract single digit numbers within 20. We will also be exploring problem solving including doubling and halving and use everyday language to talk about position and distance to compare quantities and objects.

Understanding the World/Expressive Arts and Design

These areas of learning will be closely linked with our theme 'Fun on the Farm'. We will be looking at animals and animal babies, food products from animals, investigating habitats and much, much more! The children will also be given opportunities to explore technology in school especially the iPads.

Home Learning

This term your child will continue to bring home their Home Learning Book. We would appreciate it if you could choose an activity to complete with your child each week to help them develop their core skills. Home Learning will be set on a Thursday and we ask for books to be returned on a Monday. There is also a list of words attached on the homework sheet including tricky words. Please support your child in learning to read and spell these. Thank you.

Interactive Learning Diary

Thank you to those of you that have signed up for the Interactive Learning Diary (ILD) and are already contributing towards it regularly! We love to look at what the children have been doing at home and this all goes towards building a great learning journey for your child's first year at school.

Stay and Play Sessions

Next term we will be inviting you to one of our ever popular Stay and Play sessions with your child. We host these termly and invite you in to see what your child is learning and allow your child to show you around their environment. Watch this space as we will soon be announcing a date!

Key Dates: - See separate sheet

Thank you for your support. Have a super rest during the Easter break and we look forward to seeing you in the summer term!

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