



St Mary's Nursery, Writhlington

Welcome to Spring Term 2!

We hope you have all had a good half term break. We have a busy and exciting term ahead - including a visit from the Mobile Library & Easter Bonnet Making.

Topic

Our topic this term is
'On the Farm & Easter'



We will be learning about a lot of the animals that live on a farm and what they produce for us to eat and drink. We will also be learning about the Easter Story.

What does my child need during a nursery session?

- book bag and reading record
- **at least** one set of spare uniform, including socks please!
- nappies/wipes if toilet training
- bottle filled with **water only**
- a warm waterproof coat
- wellies & all in one wet weather suit that can stay at Nursery please!

Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name!

Lunches

Please do not allow your child to bring any chocolate or sweets in their lunchbox – we are a healthy school, and we want to encourage healthy eating – thank you! Alternatively, you can now order a hot school dinner via Parent Pay. They are £2.60 per meal unless you are entitled to Free School Meals. If you think you may be entitled, please speak to a member of staff for more information.

Phonics

This term in phonics we will be continuing to learn a sound a week from 'Little Wandle Letters & Sounds'. The children are really enjoying our phonics sessions, and they are also trying to write phonemes during their independent play - we are so proud! We will be reviewing the sounds we have already learnt and introducing new sounds. They will be learning 'n, m, d, g, o, c' this term so please encourage your child to tell you about the sounds they have learnt.

This term, the N1 group will be playing games involving body percussion sounds. The N2s will be engaging in activities using their voices to make different sounds. There is opportunity for all children to engage in these activities as they are fun and playful, and they enhance learning.

As part of phonics, we always learn a nursery rhyme each week, and this term we will be learning 'Old MacDonald Had a Farm', 'Jumping Up and Down on a Tractor', 'The Farmer's in his Den', 'Little Bo Peep', 'Mary Had a Little Lamb' and 'Sleeping Easter Bunny'. We encourage the children to share these songs with you at home, so please support them by singing along too!

Literacy

We will be sharing a number of key texts this term. The children really enjoy our 'together time' on the carpet, and so do the practitioners! The key texts this term are 'What the Ladybird Heard', 'A Squash and a Squeeze', 'Mummy Do You Love Me', 'Rosie's Walk', 'Farmer Duck' and 'We're Going on an Egg Hunt!'

Reading

Please ensure your child is bringing their reading record and book to **every** session they attend. We share these books together at nursery at least once a week, and we invite you to share this book at home with your child, talking about the pictures and learning new words. We will change their books every week and your child will get to choose the book. This is the beginning of their exciting reading journey.

Mathematics

In Maths this term, we will be learning about 'one more' and 'one less', we will be talking about the properties of shapes, and we will also be looking at sequencing and counting backwards. We also learn a number song each week. Listen out for '5 Little Piggies', '1 Little, 2 Little, 3 Little Sheep', 'One Tomato, Two Tomatoes', 'The Goats Came Marching', '5 Spotted Cows' and '5 Currant Buns'. The children really enjoy singing and acting out the songs.

Easter Bonnet Making

Towards the end of term, we would like to invite all parents/carers to come into Nursery to make an Easter Bonnet with their child. We will be running two sessions to try and accommodate as many parents/carers as possible. Further information (and the dates and times) will be coming soon via Class Dojo!

Tapestry and Class Dojo

Thank you to (almost) everyone for signing up to Class Dojo and Tapestry. If you haven't yet – please ensure that you do as soon as possible (and if you need some help, please speak to one of us)!

Tapestry is our **assessment portal**. We will be uploading photos regularly, and a learning summary once every 'big' term (Christmas, Easter, and Summer). You are welcome to add photos and tell us about what your child is doing at home too!

Class Dojo is our **communication platform**. We will send notices on the class 'story', and you can message directly too - it really is great for communication and information.

Parents/Carers & Key Practitioner Meetings

Parents/Carers & Key Practitioner meetings are being held the week commencing **Monday 18th of March**.

These will run on Mon 18th, Tue 19th, Wed 20th and Thu 21st of March between 3:15pm and 4:15pm for children in ABBIE's Key Group. For DEE and AMY's Key Groups, these will run on Tue 19th and Wed 20th between 3:10pm and 3:30pm. Appointments will be for 10 minutes.

This is an opportunity to meet with your child's Key Practitioner and discuss your child's development and progress. You can also look at your child's Learning Diary and ask any questions that you may have. We feel this is very important so please book an appointment by either speaking to Abbie at drop off or collection, or by messaging Abbie with your preferred day and time on Class Dojo.