



Reception Newsletter

Summer 1



Our topic this half term is: *Down on the farm*

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

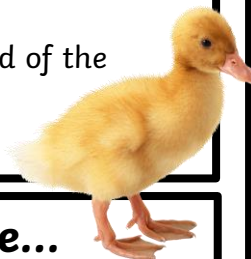
Throughout this half term we will be learning about farmyard animals, showing care and concern for living things and the environment. To enhance the children's understanding of this topic we will be going on a trip to the farm and we will observe ducklings growing in our classroom. Children will be encouraged to make observations of the natural world around them by drawing pictures of animals and plants.

We will be having a class competition to see which class can grow the tallest sunflower!

We will also be going on a walk down to St. Peter's Church to help us understand which places are special to some people and why.

If you have any questions or worries, please come and speak to us at the end of the school day.

Thank you, Miss Durrant and Mrs Wilson.



You can help by...

- Talking to your child about what animals and plants you see when you are out and about.
- Continuing to read with and to your child as often as you can. This really helps embed the learning that is happening at school.
- Practising counting, recognising and writing numbers 1-20 with your child.



We will also be...

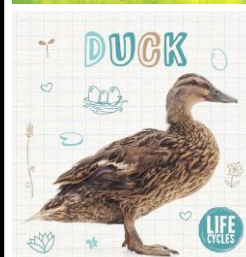
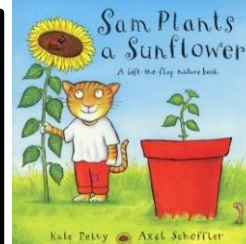
- Creating Lydia Monks inspired pictures and learning to draw animals using shapes.
- Writing a page for our own class book 'Dear Farm' inspired by the book Dear Zoo.
- Designing and building our own farms in the construction area.
- **Changing our PE day to Thursday.**

English

We will be reading lots of stories linked to our topic, 'Down on the Farm'.

In phonics we will continue to use Little Wandle to consolidate the knowledge of **phase 3 digraphs**. During this half term, children will learn how to blend and segment **longer words** including 2 digraphs, **words ending in -ing, compound words** and **plural words** with ending **s** and **es**.

Tricky words we will be revising this half term are: **all, are, by, my, pure, sure, they, was, you.**



Maths

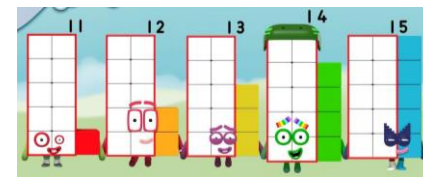
In maths we will be exploring lots of different concepts:

To 20 and beyond:

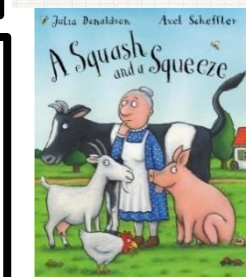
- Building numbers beyond 10
- Counting patterns beyond 10
- Spatial reasoning

First then now

Adding more
Taking away
Doubling



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks>



Dear Zoo



Rod Campbell



Our theme for Collective Worship is:

Compassion



DATES:

Monday 15th April – Healthy inside and out day.
 Tuesday 30th April – Stay and Play 9:00 – 10:00
 Thursday 2nd May – Trip to Cannon Hall Farm
 Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday Monday
 Friday 24th May – Break up for Half Term