

**Communication and language/Literacy**

This half term we will continue to experiment with mark making and developing our sentence writing. We will be using our Farm visit to help write questions, recounts and Thank you letters and cards. We are also going to be learning some poems and rhymes. Our stories will include Dear Zoo, Little Red Hen, Chicken Licken, The Very Hungry Caterpillar and many more!



**Mathematical development**

During this term we will be continuing to develop our mathematical skills. We will be counting and ordering numbers, solving problems and there will even be a Longest Carrot competition! We will be practising our addition and subtraction sums and linking this to our topic. The animals at the farm will also help us to compare sizes and look at features such as number of legs!

**Animals and People who help us.**



**Other activities**

In **Understanding the World** We will learn how to care for animals and the names of their babies. We will be looking at the life cycle of a chick. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> half term we will be learning about different occupations and people that help us.

In **Expressive Arts and Designs** children will have the opportunity to work with a variety of different media, including paint, pencils, charcoal and pastels. Our topics will be used as a starting point for producing story pictures, collages and drawings. Role play areas will include a home corner, a vets and a emergency services station.

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development** the ongoing focus will be on rules and routines. We will also talk about staying safe when on a school trip and at places such as farms and zoos. We will also be talking about Stranger Danger. FS2 children will start their transition in to Year 1.

In **Physical Development** the children will have opportunities to act out the stories that they read with us. We will be matching movement to music, linking the tempo with emotions. The children will have opportunities to develop their gross motor skills in the outdoor area by using large play equipment and balls. The children's fine motor skills will continue to be a key focus through pencil control, crafts and small hands on activities. The children will be talking about sun safety, please send your child to school with their own sun cream and a sun hat on sunny days. FS2 children have their PE lesson on a Friday. Please ensure your child has a kit with them. (Red shorts and white top)

**Please remember...**

Foundation Stage children are asked for a voluntary contribution of **50p** per child per week. We use this money to buy food and resources that your children use up quickly.

**All clothing needs to be named clearly.** We will have 60 red jumpers in the classroom!

Reception Book bags need to be in school every day.

Reception Reading Books are changed every Monday so please could you write a comment in the book when you have heard your child read.

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