

Expressive Arts & Design

Children will experience running their very own farm shop as part of our topic. We will use different fruit and vegetables to make prints, looking at the different shapes, sizes and colours as we do this. As always we will be very busy in our creative area, we will be creating our very own Easter garden, making and decorating farm animals and creating a special Mother's day card just to name a few. During our music sessions we will learn how to use chime bars, glockenspiels and xylophones and play a simple beat. We will respond to the sounds and pretend to grow like a seed under the ground when we act out the story of "Jack and the Beanstalk". We will enjoy our daily singing and will focus on songs with animals and growing.

Religious Education

Our big focus this half term is **Gathering and Lent/ Easter-Growing**. We will celebrate Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and Mother's Day to name a few. Children will begin the term with making our class Lenten promise: to be extra kind and caring to our friends in nursery. We will look at growth and explore new life before learning about the Easter story. We will have the opportunity of having frogspawn, which we will nurture and care for and lots of planting and growing inside and outside. We will learn that we were created to love others and look at relationships and keeping safe.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will talk about our own personal experiences with farms and farm animals. Which animal live on a farm? What is our favourite farm animal and why? We will learn which animals come from eggs and which do not whilst learning about the life cycle of a hen and a frog. How do the mummies look after their babies? Clean them? Keep them warm? Feed them? Promoting our British Values we will explore what a friend is, ways we can be kind and what we can do when someone is sad. Talking about "Role Models" and relationships and looking at how we should try to help, listen and respect others and their opinions and to treat everyone equally.

Literacy

Children will have access to a variety of books to read and lots of mark-making opportunities across the different areas in Nursery such as mark-making using tractor tracks covered in paint and vertical brush strokes on various surfaces. Children will continue to have daily phonics sessions focusing on Aspect 5 alliteration. We will show our skills following recipes as we enjoy lots of Easter/Spring baking. We will practice our "arches and waves" movements in our squiggle whilst you wiggle sessions.

Physical Development

Children will continue their weekly PE sessions this half-term in the school hall. We will have a visit from the Life Caravan where we will be focusing on looking after ourselves, so we will be doing lots of sessions on healthy bodies and what we need to be doing to keep ourselves healthy. We will be looking at where our food comes from and tasting different foods, sorting and discussing which foods are healthy and which foods are not. Lots of healthy recipes and cooking involved. Children will work on jigsaws and puzzles which are animal themed. We will enjoy Easter themed play dough activities.

Communication & Language

We will talk about what we like about Easter and what traditions we have. Do we go to church? We will talk about how baby animals come in the Spring, as we learn animal names and babies' names, we will match their sound to a picture and the babies to their mums.

New language this topic includes: Easter, new life, life cycle, animal baby names, hatch, grow.

Mathematics

Alongside our daily number songs and daily counting we will continue to practice our counting and numbers 1-5 (forwards and backwards) but will focus on counting 1-10 and try and match digits to objects 1-5 and experiment with marks and symbols 1-5. Can we recognise 1,2, or 3 objects without counting them? We will look at different sizes and try and place objects, animals and Easter eggs in size order. When cooking we will use scales and cups to weigh and measure ingredients, learning about weight and capacity. We will go on an egg hunt, counting how many eggs we find. In our sensory tray we will look for "worms" and talk about the size and length of the different worms and discuss how we can sort them.

Understanding of the World

We will look at non-fiction books and images of farms. We will learn about the life cycles of a hen and a frog and may even have our own frog spawn to watch and take care of. As always we will be tending our nursery garden and doing lots of planting and growing. We will learn the difference between plants and animals and learn where our food comes from. We will use our senses when trying new foods and recipes using produce we will find in the farm shop. Using our sense of touch and sight when we look at the different animal coverings such as wool, feathers. Looking at British Values we will learn about the job of a farmer and what he does each day, respecting the roles of people who help us. We will use camera's and I-Pads to take photos and make videos of all our special moments in and outside of the nursery.

