

March 2020

Theme -

Our theme for March is **Springtime on The Farm.**

We will be looking at seasonal changes in the environment and learning about baby animals and looking after living things...there may even be a Nursery pet coming to join us in the coming days!

We hope to be able to continue to play and learn outdoors as much as possible this month, so please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather, by ensuring they bring a coat and scarf/hat/gloves daily.

Stories – This month we will be reading some information books on life cycles, as well as story books about baby animals and the farm. If you are visiting the Library please look out for stories on our theme to share with our child and keep a look out for (hopefully) warmer weather, Spring flowers and baby animals in the fields!

Colour / Shape–

Our colour this month is **green**. Please encourage your child to look out for green objects in their environment and encourage them to bring something green in from home for our colour table.

Please ensure that all items are named – they will stay in Nursery until the end of the month when we will send them home again!

Our shape for this month is Oval.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

To celebrate World Book Day the children can dress up as their favourite story character, or a character from a favourite TV programme / Cartoon / film and bring a favourite story book to Nursery. Normal session times apply on this day.

Parent / Teacher Meetings

In the week beginning Monday 23rd March we will be giving parents the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher. We will be sending home more information on these soon.

Please return the slip stating your preference. Your child's teacher will then send home a time for your meeting.

Getting Ready to Learn – Parents' Education Workshop

On **Thursday 19th March** we will be holding a Parents' Workshop on how playing with your child can support their learning at home, in preparation for starting Primary School. We will be giving you a free learning pack to take home to your child and also launching our home lending scheme, which will run alongside the Big Bedtime Read resources.

The Workshop will last less than an hour and we will provide light refreshments. Please try to come along!

St. Patrick's Day

Please note that Nursery will be open on St. Patrick's Day, 17th March, however the **Yellow Class Session will end at 11.15am on this day**, as there are no School Dinners available on this date.

Jo Jingles

We will be welcoming Jo Jingles into Nursery again this month, on the 18th March, and look forward to lots more fun as we explore rhythm and songs related to our new theme.

Stay and Play

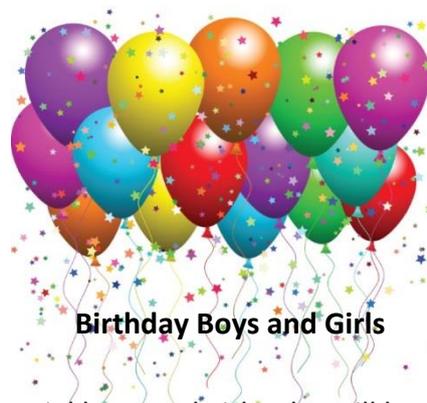
Thank you to all the adults who stayed and played with their children just before half term. We hope you all enjoyed your time with us and enjoyed the opportunity to see all the wonderful things your children do here daily. There will be another opportunity to stay and play in the third term – we will keep you posted!

REMINDER...

Please remember to check your child's hair frequently – once a week – to check for unwanted guests! Head Lice is a common childhood ailment that can be treated when found, but they spread quickly through nurseries and schools when not treated. Free treatment is available from Pharmacists if you find a *living, moving louse* in your child's hair. Wearing girls' hair in plaits is a good way to make it harder for them to move from head to head too!

Book Fair

We will be holding a Book Fair in Nursery from Tuesday 24th – Monday 30th March. The cases of books will be in the entrance hall and will be available to buy at drop off and pick up times, as well as on Thursday 26th March from 6-7pm, for parents who may be working and do not get the chance to pick their child up. Nursery will receive commission to be spent on new books from the total amount of money spent by parents.



Happy Birthday all of these special boys and girls who will be celebrating their birthday this month ...

Yellow Class – Ethan

Red Class – Hope
Alayna
Nathan



Upcoming Events and Important dates –

Thursday 5th March World Book Day – dress up / non uniform day in Nursery

Friday 6th March – School Photographer will be in to take class photos of the children.

If your child missed having their photograph taken earlier this year, please speak to a member of staff and we will arrange for their individual photo to be taken on this day too.

Tuesday 17th March – Yellow Class finish at 11.15am, no school dinners available

Wednesday 18th March – Jo Jingles is in Nursery – normal session times apply

Thursday 19th March – Parents Workshop

Tuesday 24th March – Red Class Parent Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 25th March – Blue Class Parent Teacher Meetings

Thursday 26th March – Yellow Class Parent Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 1st April – Educational Visit to Streamvale Farm

Friday 3rd April – End of Term 2 – **Red, Yellow and Blue Classes in Nursery from 8.45am – 11.15am**

EASTER FUN – During the week beginning 30th March we will be having lots of Easter Fun. We will be making Easter Nests, going on an Easter Egg Hunt and Painting and rolling our eggs down the big hill at the back of Nursery.

Parental Permission for Class Visits to People's Park

We are hopeful that the weather will start improving as Spring approaches, and are seeking your permission to take your child on Class Visits to the People's Park. We intend to walk to the Park, look at some seasonal changes and feed the ducks, before having a play on the play equipment and coming back to Nursery. All visits will be during your child's session time. We are not specifying dates for the visits, as they will be weather permitting and as we all know from recent weeks, our weather can change dramatically from day to day! The permission slip below therefore means that we can decide to visit the park at short notice, with your permission already having been sought.

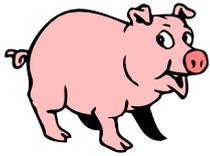
Please complete and return the slip below to your child's teacher by Friday 5th March 2020.



Child's Name _____ Class - _____

I give permission for my child to go on class visits to the People's Park during their normal session time, between now and the end of the School year on 30th June 2020. (Please tick)

Signed - _____ (Parent / Carer) Date - _____



March Songs and Rhymes

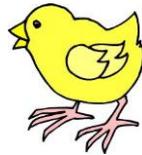
Old MacDonald

Old Macdonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O
 And on his farm he had a cow, E-I-E-I-O
 With a "moo-moo" here and a "moo-moo" there
 Here a "moo" there a "moo"
 Everywhere a "moo-moo"
 Old Macdonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O



B-I-N-G-O

There was a farmer who had a dog,
 And Bingo was his name-o.
 B-I-N-G-O
 B-I-N-G-O
 B-I-N-G-O



This Little Chick

This little chick is black.
 She stands in the barnyard on a big haystack.
 This little chick is brown.
 She is feeling sad and wearing a frown.
 This little chick is yellow
 He's friends with the rooster; he's a handsome fellow.
 This little chick is white
 She dances and plays, oh what a sight.
 This little chick is purple.
 She spends her day running around in a circle.
 This little chick is green.
 She is the prettiest chick I've ever seen.
 This little chick is blue.
 She lays eggs for me and you.
 All of these chicks live at the farm,
 Out in the big red barn.

Five little Ducks

Five little ducks
 Went swimming one day
 Over the hill and far away
 Mother duck said
 "Quack, quack, quack, quack."
 But only four little ducks came back



Four little ducks.....

Horsey, Horsey

Horsey, Horsey don't you stop
 Just let your feet go clippity clop
 Your tail goes swish and the wheels go round
 Giddy up we're homeward bound.
 Horsey, Horsey on your way
 We've done the journey many a day
 Your tail goes swish and the wheels go round
 Giddy up we're homeward bound.



This is the way...

This is the way we plant the hay
 plant the hay, plant the hay
 This is the way we plant the hay
 so early in the morning.

This is the way we feed the chickens
 Feed the chickens, feed the chickens
 This is the way we feed the chickens
 so early in the morning

This is the way we chop the wood
 chop the wood, chop the wood
 This is the way we chop the wood
 so early in the morning.

This is the way we milk the cow...

