



## CLASS KB- NURSERY

We hope you have had a wonderful half term break!

Our topic for this half term will be:

## DOWN ON THE FARM



### Communication/Language

We will share our holiday news within our keyworker groups and the children will be encouraged to talk in longer sentences. As part of our topic, the children will talk about farm animals and share their experiences of visiting a farm. We will learn new vocabulary linked to our stories and topic. We will also sing lots of animal rhymes and songs.

### Mathematics

In Number we will continue to develop a fast recognition of up to three objects, known as subitising. We will look at positional language. The children will be taught words such as: 'under', 'behind', 'next to' to describe where something is, and they will be encouraged to use these words in their play. We will also look at 2D shapes.

As part of our topic, we will learn words to describe the age of animals, e.g. 'old' and 'young'.

### Understanding the World

We will learn about farm animals and their babies; naming them and looking closely at their features. We will also look for signs of spring outdoors to learn more about seasonal changes. The children will be encouraged to talk about what is happening.

### Helping your child at home

We would encourage you to share lots of stories together so that your child develops a love of reading from a young age.

You could also:

\*Sing nursery rhymes, counting songs and action rhymes regularly

\*Encourage your child to be independent with their self care, such as dressing, hand washing and brushing teeth

\*Using Maths at every given opportunity, e.g. counting steps, the number of dinner plates to put out, numbers they see around them

### Literacy

Our focus texts for this half term will be 'Dora's Eggs' by Julie Sykes and 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'.

We will talk about the key events and characters in the stories and the children will be encouraged to join in with repeated refrains. As part of our World Book Day focus we will read lots of Julia Donaldson stories. In phonics we will work on the aspect 'Rhyme'. The older children will be introduced to 'Fred Talk' and begin to play oral blending games.

### R.E.

We will read the Easter story and learn about the traditions and celebrations associated with Easter.

### PSED

Our Jigsaw lessons this half term will focus on 'Healthy Me' and we will learn about ways we can keep our minds and bodies healthy. We will also continue to work on sharing and turn taking with others.

### Physical development

The children will work on developing their gross and fine motor skills through a variety of fun activities and opportunities, including running games, obstacle courses, digging, bikes and scooters, Yoga, scissor skills, weaving and peg painting. We will also continue with our 'Big writing' and 'Dough disco' sessions.

We will talk about the effects of exercise on our bodies.

### Expressive Arts

The children will paint and make collage pictures of farm animals. We will use small world props to retell the stories we have read. Our role play area will be changed into a school and a vets to develop the children's interest in playing teachers and looking after sick animals.

### Class Library

We hope the children are enjoying sharing their library books at home with you. Please encourage them to engage with the book more than once so that they can begin to remember the events and retell the story themselves.

### Thank you!

Thank you for the voluntary contributions we received last term. This money helped us to buy Chinese food to taste for Chinese New Year and provide regular play dough.