



Burton Joyce Primary

Spring 2 in Foundation

English

In English, we will be sharing a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our farm topic: Farmer Duck, What the Ladybird Heard, My Bean Diary, Oliver's Milkshake, Oliver's Vegetables and Seasons on a Farm. The children will write lists, labels, instructions and other sentences linked to the books shared in class.



Geography and History

In this topic, the children will learn about farming around Burton Joyce. They will use map skills to locate farms. They will also make simple comparisons of farming in the past to farming in the present.



Welcome Back

We hope you have all had a wonderful half term and are feeling refreshed. We have had a brilliant first week back, starting with our well-being day, cheerleading, taking part in fun activities and making connections with our House Captains. This half term's topic is 'Our Farms'. We will be using a variety of activities to develop this learning and will be working hard to broaden the children's knowledge about different types of farming in the local area.

Reading

The children are now reading words, sentences or stories daily during phonics sessions, as well as answering simple comprehension questions.

Please make sure you support us at home by reading with your child at least 3 times every week and record this in reading records.

Science

As part of our farm topic the children will learn about what a plant needs to grow. They will also be exploring floating and sinking.

Maths



In Maths, we will be continuing to explore numbers to 10. The children will be using different resources to find 1 more and 1 less, as well as exploring number bonds. We will also be learning about 3D shapes; looking at the 2D shapes on the faces of 3D shapes and spotting shapes in the environment.

Computing



In Computing we will continue learning coding skills. This half term we are going to use Dash robots to program animal sound sequences. There are also some creative activities with animation too!

Art & DT



Our art this half term is inspired by Vincent Van Gogh and his Flower Fields, Wheat Fields and Sunflower artwork. Children will also develop their DT skills creating box model tractors for Farmer Duck, as well as split pin animals.



PE

In PE, we continue to work on our fundamental movements, such as hopping and skipping. Our PE unit this half term is gymnastics. The children will be creating sequences of shapes, balances and travelling actions. They will travel in different ways, including rolling, and will develop their balancing, jumping and landing safely from apparatus.



Phonics

We will be learning and reviewing Set 2 "special friends" sounds this half term. The children recap previously taught sounds and read and write words including "special friends." As part of story time phonics, the children read sentences in short texts or stories, including red words, and write sentences about them. Please use the Sound Chart to support learning.



PSHE

In PHSE, this half term's focus is 'healthy me'. The children will be learning about healthy choices and how they can have a positive effect on our bodies and minds, such as exercising, eating a variety of healthy foods and personal hygiene.



Welly Wednesday

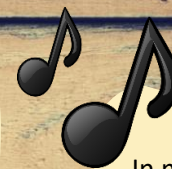
We are very excited to start visiting the Grove during our Welly Wednesday sessions this half term. Please ensure that your child brings named wellies and a coat or waterproof on these days:

28th February

13th March

27th March

Have a great
half term



Music

In music the children will be learning a new action song with a rising and falling melody. They will sing songs in steps, using accompanying actions, and will go on to compose new lyrics and play simple melodies on pitched instruments.

RE



This half term is a focus on some of Jesus' miracle stories in the bible and the Christian celebration of Easter.

Dates and Reminders:

- ✓ Welly Wednesday:
28th Feb, 13th March, 27th March
- ✓ Homework reward deadline –
Wednesday 27th March. Please return or post your child's homework grid on Tapestry by this date.
- ✓ World Book Day breakfast –
Thurs 7th March
- ✓ Science Week – 11th March
- ✓ Book Fair -week commencing 25th March
- ✓ Easter Craft Day – Friday 28th March

