

# Foundation Stage Newsletter



## Summer 1 2019

### We hope you have a relaxing Easter break.

Again, we have had an extremely busy term. The children really enjoyed learning about Goldilocks and the Three Bears and investigating who had been in and caused mischief in the Foundation area. The children have also continued to develop their maths skills by adding and subtracting numbers as well as learning about different shapes.

#### Foundation Team:

Foundation Area Leader - Mr Killick

Caterpillar Class Teachers - Mrs Walsh (Monday - Thursday)

Mrs Baker (Wednesday pm and Friday)

Chestnut Class Teacher - Mrs Ellis

Nursery Nurses - Miss Whitmee, Miss Eastaff and Miss Farmer

Teaching Assistant - Miss Mitchell



#### Important Dates

Below are the important dates for this half term. Please check texts and the school website for updates and changes.

##### April 2019:

Value - Positivity

Wednesday 24th - Visit from dentist to talk about healthy teeth

##### May 2019:

Value - Cooperation

Monday 6th - BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 21st - Mead Open Farm Visit

Friday 24th - Headteacher's Treat

##### May Half Term Holiday:

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

##### Summer 2 begins:

Monday 3rd June

#### Mother's Day Visit:



Thank you to all the parents who attended the 'Mother's Day Celebration' last Thursday. We hope you had a lovely afternoon spending some quality time with your children in school and enjoyed the cakes that were baked for you.

#### Easter Egg Hunt:

Thank you also to the parents who came to yesterday's Easter Egg hunt and celebrated some of the children's learning they have been doing this half term.

#### Mead Open Farm Trip

A reminder that the Foundation trip to the farm will take place on **Tuesday 21st May**. The voluntary contribution for this trip, which includes entrance to the farm and the transport to and from the venue, will be £14.00. If you have not already, please fill in the permission slip and medical form and return it to the office or your child's class teacher. Please make payment via Parent Pay or alternatively cash or cheque will be accepted at the school office. Please return all permission slips and voluntary contributions by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019.

You will be informed about more details regarding the trip, in the next few weeks.

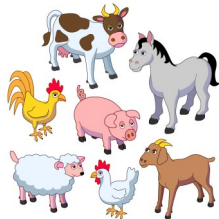


## English:

Next half term, the children will be learning the story of Dear Zoo.

This is a story where a child gets sent different pets, which are not quite right, until finally they send a perfect pet.

The children will be learning about different animals and writing adjectives to describe them. The children will then innovate the story to write their own 'Dear Zoo' story.



After our farm visit, the children will be recalling the facts they have learnt and write facts about the animals we saw. This will be used to create their own class non-fiction book about farm animals.

## Dear Zoo



Rod Campbell

## Maths:

Next half term we will be consolidating our work on 2D and 3D shape, looking at a range of shapes, talking about their properties and using them to build and create.

We will also be looking at weight and capacity, using a range of objects and the sand and water to compare and contrast.



## Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child brings their water bottle to school every day.

We encourage children to drink water throughout the day in order to keep them hydrated and help them with their learning,

particularly as the weather gets warmer in the summer term.



## Things to do at home:

Below are activities you could be doing at home in order to support your child's learning:

- Listening to your child read every day
- Reading to your child every day
- Making up stories using your child's toys and their own imagination
- Identifying shapes around the home and identifying their properties.
- Counting and simple addition and subtraction

## Big Friends Little Friends

Each child in Foundation, is paired up with a child in Year 6. Throughout the year, the children will spend some time with each other and find out what they have been learning. Last week, the Year 6s came down to Foundation. We loved screening our Goldilocks films for our Big Friends, which we watched with popcorn and then played with our friends outside.

