

Summer 1 John Coles Newsletter

Dear Parents/carers,

We hope you had a lovely and restful Easter holidays. Please can we remind you that all children need a named bottle of water every day and a healthy snack to eat in the morning.

This term we will be looking at the theme of 'The Farm' looking at animals, food and how farming has changed from the past to today.

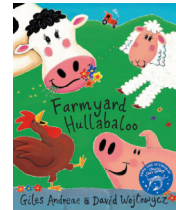
Personal, Social and Emotional development



We will be doing weekly circle time activities linking in with our SCARF theme 'Being Our Best'. We will look at healthy eating, exercise and getting a good night's sleep.

Communication Language and Literacy

We will be sharing lots of different stories, including 'What the Ladybird Heard', 'A Farmyard Hullabaloo' and 'Farmer Duck'. These stories will help us extend our vocabulary and learn more about farming and farm animals. The children will also continue to take part in Helicopter Stories each week and this will involve learning new poems and stories and also telling their own stories.



Phonics

We will continue to review all of the sounds that the children have learnt so far and practise our blending for reading longer words. **Please help children to learn these sounds at home. It is really important that children read at home. Please read weekly and record it in the yellow contact books.**

Fine Motor

We will be focussing on letter formation and making sure we correctly form the letters. The children will be working on writing more independently and writing simple sentences.

Maths

We will be taking part in daily maths activities. This will be a focus on more and less than a number and practical addition and subtraction. The children will also look at 3D shapes.

Understanding of the World

Children will be developing their understanding farm animals and the different names for a mother and it's young. For example, Cow and calf. We will look at photos of farm vehicles in the past and compare it to today. We are also very excited to have real life caterpillars coming into school so that the children can follow the lifecycle and eventually release the butterflies!

Physical Development

PE will be on a WEDNESDAY and this term we continue to have the PE coach working with John Coles class! As often as possible we will use our outdoor areas to build on skills as well as to give the children opportunity to develop the skills in co-operation, sharing and communicating that come through free play and team activities.



Expressive Arts

We have lots of fun crafts planned this term. We will be creating different farm animals, including a lamb and chick!



Any questions please pop and chat to any of us, thank you. 😊