

## Nursery

Welcome back after the half term holiday. I can't believe that this is the final seven weeks in nursery!

Our topic this half term is Animals; domestic animals, farm animals and zoo animals. We will begin by asking the children what they would like to find out and expand our activities from there. Nursery children will also be visiting Hall Hill Farm. All children need to have an adult to accompany them on this fun and exciting day out. Children will learn so much from this superb first-hand experience. We will also be reading and recalling lots of lovely stories relating to animals such as 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell, 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson, 'Nothing' by Mick Inkpen, 'Old MacDonald' and many more stories. We will be focusing on events in the stories and discussing what happens at the beginning, middle and end.

We will also spend time looking at 'Mini Beasts' where we will be focusing on life cycles and habitats. We will take a closer look at various mini beasts in our outdoor area and learn all about them in their natural environment. We will watch as tiny caterpillars grow and eventually change into butterflies. We will read 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and 'The Very Lazy Ladybird' and many other fiction and non-fiction books relating to Mini Beasts.

In communication and Language we will continue to think about speaking and listening skills. If you have a pet at home we would love to see a picture and have nursery children talk about their pet. We will also be inviting some pets to visit nursery, please let me know if you would be willing to bring your pet into nursery and talk to the children.

Within our Letters and Sounds programme, we will continue to focus on blending sounds together to make words and segmenting sounds that we can hear in words. Children will be involved in lots of practical games and activities. We will also continue to recognise letters by sight. Please look out for weekly updates of which letters to support your child with at home. As the children become more familiar with the letters they will be encouraged to write cvc words.

Our number focus this half term will be to consolidate numbers 1-10 and consistent understanding of number and quantity. We will also be adding groups of objects together. Children will also learn to say one more or one less than a given number. In shape, space and measure we will be learning about size, pattern and positional language. We will also continue to work with 2D shapes, naming them and discussing their properties.

Thank you for your continued support with the story sacks. Please check your child group and return dates for the story sacks. They need to be returned on time ready to be reviewed. Story sacks are reviewed on a Monday morning. Please make sure all resources are put back into the story sack bag before returning to nursery. All of the children are making progress towards retelling a story from memory. Thank you for your continued support in this important preparation for learning to read in Reception class.

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