



FS News Letter Term 1 September 2015

Hello Everyone! Welcome to the start of a new, and very busy, school year! And a special welcome to the children who have joined us either in FS1 or FS2

This term we are busy finding out everything we can about farms and farming in our 'Old McDonald had a farm' topic. We will be visiting the animal farm at Graves Park and including many classic children's texts in our studies - The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse, The Three Little Pigs, The Little Red Hen etc

We will be concentrating on developing the children's language skills through retelling stories and using the new vocabulary we come across in the stories in lots of different contexts.

Our theme lends itself to lots of creative arts and craft work and we will be making puppets, masks, collage and paintings - in these activities the children will be encouraged to develop their fine motor skills and dexterity.

The children will experiment with musical instruments to alter the sounds they are producing and try their hand at composing and performing simple chants and songs. They will also be listening to lots of stories and songs at our new listening station.

Read Write Inc activities continue - the reception children know lots of sounds now and we are focusing on identifying beginning sounds in words and doing lots of 'Fred talk' [sounding out simple three-letter words ie) m-a-t mat] We are also working hard on reading and writing our names - could you please help by practising the name jigsaws which are in their reading folders, with the children?

In mathematics Foundation Stage as a whole are working really hard on counting and recognising number digits - could you please reinforce this by talking numbers with the children at home - ie) We live at number 3, Can you get me 4 cups? How many bricks are there in the box?

The reception children will be given homework on the Thursday or Friday to be completed for the beginning of the next week please.

We really appreciate your donations of 50p a week towards the children's snack .

Also we really appreciate your comments or suggestions please feel free to have a word with us after school [as we need to greet the children, the morning isn't always a good time]

The Foundation Stage Team

