

St Mark's Church of England Primary School

St Mark's Nursery Newsletter Spring 2 Half Term

What are we learning?

This half term we are basing the children's learning around the question 'What's at the farm?' We will start the term, as we did last time, by asking the children three questions; What do you already know? What would you like to find out? How can we find the answers? The children are now becoming familiar with answering these questions and are beginning to extend their vocabulary with all the new words they are learning. Over this half term, we will be learning all about farms and farm animals. Lots of our learning will be through quality farm stories such as 'Oh Dear' by Rod Campbell and 'What the ladybird heard' by Julia Donaldson. We will be painting animals, making tractors and practising our fine motor skills through a range of activities including using scissors as well as enjoying lots of rhyming, storytelling, number work, singing and phonics. The children will have first-hand experience of seeing real eggs hatching and then watching the baby chicks or ducklings grow. This will involve learning lots about life cycles, caring for animals and observing changes. We will also hopefully, be involved in a real life virtual tour of a working farm through a Skype session with a local farm.

How can you help at home?

If your family visits a farm over the next few weeks please send in any photos you take for your child to share with us all at nursery.

On YouTube there is a very good set of videos called 'Tractor Ted'. You could watch the videos with your child and talk about what happens.

If you have any books about farms that your child would like to share with nursery, please send them in labelled with your child's name and an adult will read them to a group.



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Important information

Proud Cloud books - Due to spring being a shorter term, we would like you to keep your child's book until the week beginning 30th March. This will give you time to collect more evidence towards your child's targets. We value all the hard work that goes into their books and look forward to seeing what they have been up to. We will send a text reminder when you need to bring them in.

We are now offering 'paid for' sessions each afternoon for those parents that have children who only attend mornings at nursery. Children are welcome to stay for lunch and join us for the afternoon sessions for a cost of £15.00. This must be booked a week in advance and can be paid for on parent pay. Please ask a member of staff for more information.

Please can we ask all parents to put water only in their child's water bottle? We are a healthy teeth school. If your child has any special requirements in relation to this please speak to a member of the team.

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday 5th March World Book Day (whole school)

Children who wish to can come dressed up as their favourite character or wear their PJ's and bring their favourite story to nursery. Please send them in shoes that are appropriate for outdoors as we will still be going outside. Please label their books.

Monday 9th March 3.30-4.30

Stay Play and Learn session- you will have received a note if your child is invited to this.



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Wednesday 25th March 3.30-4.30

Parents Phonics session- all parents of those children starting reception in September 2020 are invited to a workshop about phonics and early reading skills. This session is preferably just for parents, however if you require child care for your school age children they can join in with nursery after school club during the session. It should last no longer than 40mins.

Tuesday 31st March 1.00pm-2.30pm Messy Church

All parents of both nursery and reception children are invited to join their child for an afternoon of Easter activities and a short worship at the end of the afternoon. Unfortunately, due to health and safety restrictions we can only accommodate 1 adult per child, younger siblings are welcome

Please Note: If your child has sickness or diarrhoea please keep them off nursery for 48 hours after their last vomiting or diarrhoea episode.

Thank you for your continued support

