

Reception News

This week we are learning about farming – growing crops and farm animals. This is the last week of our ‘Growing’ topic. Next week we will be learning about Spring and Easter.

Hopefully, the weather will be warming up over the next few weeks. We are already seeing some signs of Spring – lots of daffodils growing, buds appearing on our living willow arch in the woodland and (finally) the field seems to be drying out after the very wet winter that we’ve had.

This week we are learning:

Phonics – we are learning the trigraphs ‘ear’ (in words such as fear, beard and hear) and ‘air’ (in words such as pair, fair and hair) and the tricky words ‘all’, ‘was’ and ‘give’.

Literacy – We are reading ‘Farmer Duck’ by Martin Waddell, focusing on retrieval. We will be writing the answers to questions about the book and will be writing speech bubbles for the animals in the story. We are also reading a Bug Club book ‘On the Farm’, focusing on some of the later sounds that we’ve learned such as ‘ar’ and ‘or’.

Maths –we will be focusing on number 14 and doubling this week. We will continue to work on adding two numbers together and will look at number bonds for 14. Outside we will be making obstacle courses to practice counting to 14.

Jigsaw – we are continuing to learn about healthy bodies. This week we will be talking about keeping clean – why it’s important and how to keep clean.

Music – we will continue our ‘Cuckoo Polka’ lesson on SingUp. We are listening to Ralph Vaughan William’s ‘The Lark Ascending’ and will be moving to the music.

PE – this week we will be focusing on coordination. We will be hopping, skipping, jumping and galloping and will make up routines to move around the hall.

Handwriting – our Curly Caterpillar letters this week are d & e.

Other – we will be learning about farms; making pictures of farms using paints, chalk and colouring pencils; turning beebots into sheep to herd them into their pen and will be exploring our senses with scented playdough.

Reminders

- Reading folders – please return on Tuesday mornings. New books/sounds will be sent home on Thursdays. Some of the children do not seem to be doing much reading or logging into Bug Club and their reading progress has slowed down. Remember that reading daily is the best way to improve fluency and confidence in early readers which will allow children to access the curriculum fully in KS1.
- Our lost property box is looking rather full. Please have a look if you are missing any uniform. The box will be on the rainbow bench outside Willow classroom all week. Any unclaimed items will be donated to the PTA for their pre-loved sale at the end of term.
- Please check that children’s names are still visible in all of their uniform. We seem to have a lot of unnamed sweatshirts and cardigans at the moment.
- The children should have brought a letter home yesterday about our very exciting trip to Whipsnade Zoo on 22nd April. If you did not receive a letter, please let us know and we will send another copy home.
- Red Nose Day is this Friday – please see our website for further details: [Tylers Green First School - Red Nose Day](#) ~ Please remember that we will still have playtimes and learning times outside and in our woodland so make sure children are dressed suitably and not wearing their best clothes.