

### Understanding the World

We will be learning all about Traditional Tales, Spring, Healthy Eating, Growing and Farms. Throughout these topics the children will learn about the environment around them and allow them to make observations of animals and plants. They will be learning how to explain why some things happen and talk about changes they observe. We will also be visiting Gressenhall for the children to experience a farm and take part in activities relating to Traditional Tales for the day.

The lambs will arrive later this term and our eggs will be in the incubator soon – we can then start counting down the 21 days until they hatch!

### Mathematics

We will be continuing to learn how to apply and develop number skills. We will be using stories and real life situations to solve mathematical problems, adding and subtracting two single-digit numbers, and talking about how we found out the answer.

We will also develop mathematical vocabulary through the use of everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money.

### ICT

This term we will continue to develop our ICT skills. The class computer and whiteboards are available every day for the children to support learning. We will also be using the iPads to take and edit pictures, create and read stories and play number games. The children will be taught how to use the magnifying glasses to explore fruits and vegetables close up too!

### Expressive Arts and Design

Through our topic there will be lots of opportunity for the children to develop their skills and techniques to create pictures, 3D models and also explore different colours, particularly those they would see in the environment.

We will have African Drumming every Tuesday afternoon with Steve. He will teach the children about rhythm and coordination. You will have an opportunity to watch them in their assembly at the end of Summer 2.



## Reception Summer Term 1

### Physical Development

During this term we will have our PE lessons outside, weather permitting, so children need to ensure they have their PE kit in school, including plimsolls or trainers. The children are encouraged to change by themselves so please continue to support this at home too! We will be able to use the outdoor space to develop games skills, such kicking, dribbling, throwing and catching, using bats and racquets and different size balls to develop co-ordination and control.

PE days change each week this term. Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> April, Mon 29<sup>th</sup> April, Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> May, Mon 13<sup>th</sup> May, Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Please remove earrings and tie long hair up.

### Library

We will continue to visit the library in groups on alternate Mondays. Please check with your child's teacher if you are not sure which week your child's visit is.

### Communication and Language

We will continue to encourage children to ask and answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and also in response to stories or events. The role play areas will be a Garden Centre, Castle and a Story telling stage. These areas give children the opportunity to retell stories, re-enact real life situations, particularly including money, and use the vocabulary they have learnt from stories they have heard.

### Literacy

Our phonics sessions continue daily and the children are encouraged to apply their phonics skills in their reading and writing activities daily.

We have learnt to read lots of high frequency words, which we learn in each phonics lesson.

The children are learning to write in sentences, using their phonics knowledge to spell words. Please find opportunities at home for your children to read simple sentences, encouraging them to use their phonics to decode words or remember tricky words they have learnt. Please read with your child every day.

We are starting to use an initiative called Phonics Fairy this term so keep a look out for updates in Seesaw as we start this new venture!

Children with a book banded reading book can change their books when they are ready to – please remind your child to change their book, they don't need to wait until they are heard by an adult this term.

### Friendly Reminder:

**Named water bottles (water only!) and sun hats please!**