

Literacy

Our talk for write books this half term are all around Spring and growing.

In phonics **Reception** will review all phase 3 sounds so far, read longer words and words with two or more digraphs and be introduced to words ending in -ing as well as words ending in s and words where s is z.

Pre school will move on from 'rhyme time' in phonics and start 'Foundations for phonics'. There is a single sound learnt weekly through games, using initial sounds, blending, rhyming and alliteration. This half terms sounds are: s, a, t, p, i, n.

Expressive Art and Design

This half term the children will be continuing with poetry basket weekly as well as music sessions through the unit 'up and down'.

The children will learn new songs and actions and create their own lyrics to them as well as play simple melodies on pitched instruments.

The children will have the opportunity to draw flowers, create flowers and explore making gardens and homes for various animals.

Communication and Language

This half term the focus is on understanding more than 1 thing at a time by following 2 part instructions. We will model good listening and good questioning to promote understanding.

Diary dates

Parents evening - Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th February

Class Trip to Alpacas - Tuesday 3rd March AM

World Book day - Thursday 5th March

Science week - 6th-15th March

Red Nose day - Friday 20th March

Egg rolling - Tuesday 31st March

Last day of term - Thursday 2nd April

Mathematics

In numbertime this half term **pre-school** will be subitising and understanding dot formations, creating their own formations and comparing and sorting .

Reception will be ordering numbers and continuing with the staircase pattern as well as being introduced to doubles and odd and evens for sorting numbers.

SPRING TERM 2 SQUIRREL CLASS

Understanding of the World

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term the children will be learning all about healthy diets and what it means to be healthy. We will learn this through introducing different food groups through interactive tasting and exploring.

In our rights and respects unit we will also discuss our families, how we care for them and our friends. We will discuss how we care for them and our environment then introduce the concept of money and how we use it and keep it safe.

This half term will begin with the celebration of 'The Lunar New Year'. The children will learn the story behind it, experience food from the regions and enjoy understanding others cultures.

We will look at the seasonal changes from winter to Spring and have hands on experiences in growing our own plants and seeing the seasonal change through our welly walks.

The children will begin to look at which fruits and vegetables grow in the UK and which grow elsewhere in the world and why and have first hand experience growing own own plants and vegetables.

We will also look at simple life cycles such as frogs and butterflies and how insects play a huge role in the garden.

And of course we will celebrate Easter.

Physical Development

Gross motor: This half term in PE the focuses are yoga and dance. In the dance the children will learn patterns and pathways, allowing them to perform through the themes of the weather and pirates while in yoga the children will develop an awareness of strength and flexibility through poses.

Fine motor: Continuing with our daily funky fingers activities to continue our progress and dexterity.