

Down on the farm



During our first topic in Year One we will be learning about farm animals. The topic will focus on aspects of the Science curriculum including the seasons, naming and categorising everyday animals and immersing ourselves in the school environment. We hope the children will enjoy getting to know the plants and animals that live on our school site and will be recording our sightings in nature journals. As you are already aware, we will be visiting Boydells Farm and are really looking forward to this trip.

In English we will be working on speaking in full sentences and making sure what we write makes sense. We will be revising the phase 2 and 3 sounds in letters and sounds and will begin to work on blending some familiar words in our heads. We will continue to hear stories everyday and will talk about and comment on what we have read.

In maths we will concentrate on accurate counting, place value, reading, writing and recognising numbers. We will begin to learn how to write the numbers 0-10 as words and using these numbers in a variety of different contexts through problem solving.

We will give the children the chance to choose how and what they want to learn by continuing to provide opportunities for provision as in Reception. We know the start of Year One may be a big change for some of the children and want to reassure you that the change will be gradual. If you would like to discuss anything at all about Year One please speak to your child's teacher.

Ways To Help At Home:

We cannot stress enough the importance of reading with and to your child. In these early years, the impact reading has on development both socially and academically is huge. Please read your child's bug club book with them and enjoy sharing and talking about books every day. If you would like any guidance on this or advice on the sort of books to choose, please speak to your child's teacher.

We are lucky to be benefitting from forest school for the first time in Year One. Please make sure you have wellies and full waterproofs kept in school at all times. The children will also need a named water bottle to be kept in school. These will go to and from home to be washed.