



Reception Curriculum Newsletter—Summer Term

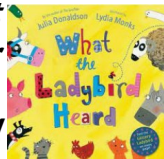
Down on the Farm

Old Macdonald had a farm, e-i-e-i-o! Do cows drink milk? What are baby pigs called? It's time to find out more about life on the farm and the animals that live there. Our theme this half term is **'Down on the Farm'**.

Literacy

We will be continuing with our Read, Write, Inc. sessions where we will learn alternative ways to spell the same sound. We will be developing our fluency with reading and writing sentences using our phonic knowledge and learning new red words.

Favourite Five— These are five books we are going to focus on in our story times and enjoy reading multiple times. *What the Ladybird Heard*, *Farmer Duck*, *Farmyard Hullabaloo*, *A Squash and a Squeeze* and *Rosie's Walk*.



Maths

We will be learning about sharing and grouping and exploring 3D shapes. We will also continue to work on our **number bonds to 10** ensuring we can re-call them quickly and apply them when working on number problems.

PSED

We will continue to follow our jigsaw scheme of work where the next theme will be **'Changing Me'**. During this puzzle piece we will develop an understanding that everyone is unique and special and that we should respect our bodies and others.

Communication and Language

We will be practising our listening skills and developing our attention during our story times with our **'Favourite Five'** books. Whilst learning about our new theme we will be exposed to new vocabulary such as **foal, kid, lamb, calf, piglet, crops, season, summer**.

Physical

In PE this half term, the children will be developing and practising the skills needed for Sports Day. We will be focusing on a range of activities including dribbling a ball for hockey, relay races, egg and spoon races, beanbag balancing and other fun team challenges. These activities will help to develop the children's coordination, balance, agility, teamwork and confidence.

Understanding the World

We'll be visiting a local farm to take in the sights, sounds and smells! We'll observe the different farm animals, crops and vehicles, and maybe even take a ride on a tractor! Back in the classroom, we'll learn the **names of infant farm animals**. We will also be exploring the season—**Summer**.



Expressive Arts and Design

Getting creative we will use a range of art and craft materials to create ladybirds. We will also be exploring **printing** using fruits and vegetables.

What can I do at home?

Why not explore your kitchen cupboards together and talk about where different foods come from? Do you have any local farm produce? You could take toy tractors, spades and forks outside to dig together in the mud. Add water to the soil for extra muddiness!

