

This half term our topic is **‘Down on the Farm’!**  
Below is an overview of the areas we shall be exploring.

**Literacy; Communication and Language**

The children will learn about a range of animals that live outside on a farm, for example pigs, goats etc. There will continue to be lots of varied opportunities for writing including: speech bubbles, labelling pictures and simple stories. Each week we will focus the learning around a story or non-fiction book, some of these will include Click, Clack, Moo Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin, Pig in a Pond by Martin Waddell and The Little Red Hen by Ronne Randall. The children will begin to write simple sentences/captions including using full stops.



**Phonics – Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised**

Daily Phonics and high frequency word practise will continue to enable the children to use their phonic knowledge to decode words. The children will begin to read longer words (such as jump) as well as root words ending in: -ing (e.g. jumping), -ed (e.g. jumped).

**Personal Social Emotional Development**

Through group and class circle time discussions children will learn to listen and respond to ideas expressed by others. They will learn to play games in small groups, following rules, taking turns and playing cooperatively.



**How to support your child at home:**

- Your child should read at home with you daily. Please remember to ask them simple questions about the book to check their understanding. **Remember** to comment and/or sign their Reading Record Book every time you hear them read.
- Practise number recognition up to 20.
- Continue to practise correct letter and number formation!

**Physical Development**

The children will develop their games skills including throwing and catching, aiming and working with a partner and as a team. In the outside area we will be exploring different ways of travelling and balancing both on and off different equipment. Daily handwriting practise will support the children in developing the foundations of a fast, accurate and efficient handwriting style.

**Ash Class – Reception**



**Curriculum Overview  
Summer Term**

**Mathematics**

The children will be continuing to develop their counting and calculating skills. They will explore to 20 and beyond using a range of resources e.g. 10 frames, number shapes, tower cubes. The children will learn to count on and back from different starting points, say what comes before or after a given number and to place sequences of numbers in order. The children will also be challenged to find larger numbers on number tracks and 100 squares.

**Understanding the World**

The children will research different farm animals on the internet using a search engine. The children will also explore and discuss mothers and their young. We will also discuss where our food come from and the different foods that grow on UK farms.



**Expressive Arts and Design**

The children love music and we have got lots of new songs for the children to learn. The children will have opportunities for exploring and using different media and materials. Their first project will be to create a farm animal collage! The children will also explore the work of Vincent Van Gogh and develop their observational drawing skills and learn to show accuracy and care in their drawing whilst recreating sunflowers pictures.

**R.E.**

Which places are special and why?  
*Where is special to me?*  
*Where is a special place for Christians to go?*  
*What makes a church special?*  
*What is needed to make a special place of our own?*