
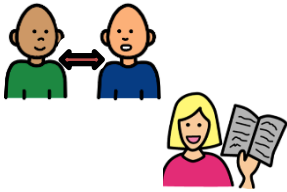

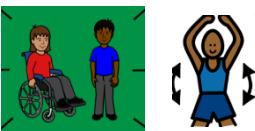







Curriculum information for Parents and Carers



Squirrels	Step 2	Summer 1 2022
Down on the Farm. 		
<p>Communication, Language and Literacy</p> 	<p>Your child will be working on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> developing their communication skills in all sessions their communication IEP targets <p>Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our focus this half term is another Non-Fiction text and we have made a personalised farm yard book with funny animal facts and props to match. Alongside this, we will work on early phonics skills, involving recognising and identifying animal sounds. <p>Funky Fingers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have lots of fun farm related activities planned to develop our co-ordination and strength this half term. We will be rolling tractor tyres outside and sweeping up the hay to work on our gross motor control. We will also be using our fine motor skills to open plastic eggs, put yellow chick feathers into a colander and create farm pictures using stickers. 	
<p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development and RE</p> 	<p>We are linking our PSED topic with Science this half term so we will focus on caring for animals alongside exploring/identifying farm animals. We will be sampling food that comes from farm animals such as eggs, milk, ham and honey. We will play animal sound games and carry out farm work activities such as shearing a sheep, milking the cow, brushing the horse and washing muddy animals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will have a weekly topic-themed Look and Listen session (following the Attention Autism programme) to develop children's joint attention and listening skills. Most of us will continue with stages 1 & 2 but some of us will be moving onto stage 3 which involves waiting for a turn. 	
<p>Physical Development</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This half term we will be using the hydro pool every Wednesday as we pick up where we left off before Christmas. In our weekly hall slot, we will be completing a sensory circuit with a range of ball games including rolling sound balls down a chute, knocking down farm animal skittles and using a rabbit space hopper. 'Ready to Learn' sessions will continue daily and we will visit the SI room throughout the week. 	
<p>Cognition/Mathematics</p> 	<p>Cognition and number – We are learning about collecting, grouping and 1:1 correspondence in these sessions this half term so we will be arranging eggs in egg boxes and putting one farm animal in each pen. We will also fill a tractor's trailer with farm animals to transport them and collect hay in the wheelbarrow.</p> <p>Mathematics – Our Maths strand is shape this half term so we will be exploring this in conjunction with DT (construction and structures). We will use lollipop sticks to create animal pens of different shapes as well as completing a variety of puzzles including using the iPad and egg shape puzzles.</p>	
<p>Understanding of the World</p> 	<p>ICT – As well as our cross curricular ICT work, this half term we will have a repeated weekly session using apps and games. We will be playing with remote control tractors, driving with steering wheels and going on a hunt around school using the iPad to scan QR codes for animal videos. Some of the apps used in this session are "animal sounds, farm puzzle, switchzoo and dirty farm."</p> <p>History- We are learning about our families in History so we will be looking at family photos and using a photo editor to put different effects on them.</p>	
<p>Expressive Arts and Design</p> 	<p>DT- Linking to our Maths work about shape, we will also be exploring construction and structures. We will use a variety of cardboard boxes to make farm yards and tractors, as well as constructing animal pens with bricks or cardboard tubes and lollipop sticks.</p>	
<p>We are very excited about a visit from some farm animals later this half term too!</p>		