



Luddendenfoot Academy

Summer term in Reception - Our topic this half term is Down on the Farm!

Welcome back! We hope you've had a lovely holiday!

Following discussions with the children we have chosen 'Down on the Farm' as our topic this half term and we are already excitedly awaiting the hatching of our chicks! They have been incubating for 2 weeks now and are due to emerge at the end of our first week back (fingers crossed we've set the incubator controls correctly!)

As always, our learning here in Reception is child-led, so plans can change according to the needs and interests of the children but I anticipate that much of our learning this half term will be chick-related. Keep an eye out for chick diaries, chick-home making, chick instruction manuals, chicken stories, chick pictures, chick videos and much more...

To support your child at home you can help them to –

Read their reading books, practice sounds and flashcards and write anything at all! Any writing that children bring into school will of course receive copious dojos and public praise! Reading to your children is always a fabulous way of developing their comprehension and listening skills, and of course is a great opportunity to encourage creativity and a life-long love of reading.

Keep reading numerals in the environment (price tags, house numbers, number plates etc) – this will allow your child to practice and reinforce their numeracy skills. Throw in a couple of 1 more/1 less than questions to see if you can catch them out!

Encouraging independence –

As we are embarking on our final term in Reception (sniff) we are going to try and get as prepared for Year 1 as we possibly can. This term please can parents drop their children off at the outside door whenever possible, rather than coming into the cloakroom. We are still working on developing self-reliance and independence, adding hanging up our coats to putting away our own book-bags and putting our own names on the beehive!

Baking Thank you for your contributions to our baking fund last term – these have enabled us to make all sorts of delicious goodies and healthy snacks.

We would be really grateful if your child could bring 50p a week so that we can continue to bake on a regular basis.

PE Please can you ensure that your child has a PE kit in school, with everything clearly labelled with their name!

PE this term will continue to take place on a Friday morning.

Check out our class blog to find out what we have been up to each week! Remember, you can keep up with your child's progress and add photos or comments by logging into Early Essence.