

Prime Area: Personal, Social and Emotional development (PSED) We are going to be expressing our opinions on different issues this half term, and listening to the ideas and opinions of others. We will be learning to recognise that someone else's point of view can be different from our own and working on finding compromise.

We will begin to look at some of the themes and ideas within Philosophy for Children and use these as a basis for our development as critical thinkers and effective questioners!

Specific Area: Literacy We are going to be applying our writing skills in lots of different areas of learning this half term, both in our new literacy books and out in provision. We will continue to learn our Set 2 sounds and practice these in challenges and in our free-writing books.

We will also be continuing with the Read Write Inc programme - focussing now on using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in our formal written work. We will also be working on letter names, to compliment our knowledge of synthetic phonics.

Prime Area: Communication and Language (CL) We will continue to work on our listening and speaking skills this half term. We will be listening to stories without pictures or props and working on maintaining our focus and attention.

We will be listening to, following and writing our own instructions, particularly with regards to the care of our chicks! We will continue to use music across the whole curriculum to facilitate understanding and encourage children to participate in different learning opportunities.

Summer Term 1: Down on the Farm

We will be following the children's interests this half term, with a broad focus on The Farm. A trip to St Leonard's Farm Park will be the perfect ending to our topic!

Specific Area: Understanding the World (UW) We will be exploring the characteristics of different farm animals (and others), focussing particularly on life-cycles. Our chicks will form the basis for much observational and scientific activity (assuming they hatch!)

We will be looking at where our food comes from and begin to think about animal welfare and the environmental implications of our food choices.

Prime Area: Physical Development (PD)

We will be learning to play group games with rules this half term, making the most of the warmer weather to get outside and practice our physical skills on the field.

We will be extending our gross motor skills yet further by using the trim trail and other balancing equipment outside.

Specific Area: Expressive Arts and Design (EAD) We will be looking at artwork by different artists this half term, discussing the features and differences between their work.

We will continue to experiment with different tools and techniques to create our own, original artwork, combining familiar processes with novel ones.

Specific Area: Mathematics (M)

We will begin work on doubling and halving this half term, whilst reinforcing our existing knowledge of number and operation.

We will be thinking about time and the language that we use to talk about past, present and future events.

We will be creating patterns of objects, numbers, sounds and shapes, following our own preferences and mathematical fascinations.