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Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is an overview of what we will be learning about in Reception this half term.

Curriculum

Our half term topic is 'Do cows drink milk?' and the Early Years Foundation Stage areas will all be covered within this topic.

Memorable Experience: Visit to Ash End House Children's Farm – further details to follow.

During this visit the children will have the opportunity to look at birds of prey such as owls and have a tour of the farm focusing on 'animals and their young.' It will be a fun filled day and will enable the children to broaden their knowledge of animals and the changes that take place as they grow.

Literacy: We will continue with learning letter sounds during phonics sessions and reading and writing simple words and sentences. We will focus on writing labels for farm animals using our phonic knowledge, writing sentences to describe farm animals and we will write a recount of our visit to the farm.

Maths: We will continue with writing numbers up to 20 and beyond. We will also be finding the answer to simple number problems including addition, subtraction, doubling, sharing and halving. Children will also be using language related to weight, capacity, distance, time and money.

Understanding of the World: We will be learning about animals and their young and life cycles, including the life cycle of a caterpillar. We will watch caterpillars change into butterflies in our classrooms and we will also be having chicks in school.

Expressive Art and Design: We will be exploring using different media to collage pictures of animals and explore colour mixing and texture. We will also be learning new songs and rhymes and will explore using different musical instruments.

P.E: We will focus on teaching skills using balls such as rolling underarm, throwing overarm, catching, kicking and dribbling.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Davies, Mrs Rudge, Mrs Begum and Miss Hadley
Reception Classroom Teachers