

Nursery

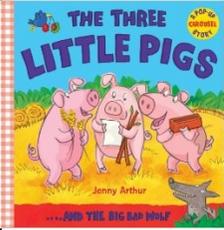
Parent Newsletter
 Spring 2016

Miss Mather

A school where everyone shines.

Welcome back after the half term holiday.

We hope you had a lovely break!

	<p><u>Learning Challenge—What would you find on a farm?</u></p>
	<p>This week we have started our new learning challenge and have started to look at life on a farm. During this half term will be learning about the animals that live on a farm and the jobs that people do there. We will be leaning about the animals and their young, talking about animal lifecycles and what the animals on the farm give us.</p>
<p>Letters & Sounds</p> 	<p>This half term the focus of our letters and sounds sessions will be rhyming. We will be singing rhyming songs, playing lots of rhyming games and reading a variety of our favourite rhyming stories.</p>
<p>Literacy</p> 	<p>In Literacy, we will continue learning about and enjoying a variety of a traditional tales. The children have the opportunity to retell the stories through role play, hand puppets, finger puppets and story sacks. We are also learning the right way to follow a sentence by starting at the beginning and following the words from left to right.</p> <p>We support the development of the children's speaking and listening skills by providing lots of activities and opportunities to talk to each other and members of staff.</p>

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<p>Mathematics</p> 	<p>In Maths, we will continue to count out objects and say the number names in order. We will be doing this by singing number songs, playing games and lots of fun practical activities.</p> <p>We will continue learning about 2D shapes. This will include recognising and naming the shapes and talking about what they are like e.g. a square has four sides and four corners. We will be going on shape hunts and having lots of shape activities for the children to further develop their knowledge.</p>
<p>P.E</p> 	<p>We have lots of physical activities in the Nursery for the children to develop their fine motor skills. We have scissors, large tweezers, nuts and bolts and a wide variety of writing media to help strengthen their fingers and hands in readiness for writing.</p> <p>We will continue our weekly hall sessions, developing the children's gross motor skills by climbing and jumping, using a variety of bats and balls and other smaller apparatus.</p>
<p>Special Times</p>  	<p>Thursday 3rd March is World Book Day. The Foundation Stage theme this year will be Pirates and we would like to invite the children to join us in dressing as pirates for the day. We will share a number of pirate stories, dance to some merry pirate tunes and enjoy a variety of pirate activities.</p> <p>Nearer the end of the half-term we will be learning about the Easter story. We will be tasting hot cross buns and making Easter chocolate cakes.</p>

Please see over for information about general notices.

Hall sessions

Please help support your child's independence during hall sessions by dressing them in clothes and shoes that are easy for them to take off and put back on themselves.

Library

We will be continuing with our Library sessions this term. This is on Monday for the morning session and Thursday for the afternoon session. The children are enjoying the opportunity to choose a book to take home and share with their family. Their book does not need to be changed on a weekly basis if they would like to keep it for a longer period of time.

Nursery Clothes

We often have to change children after they have been playing in the water and if any of them have other accidents. Could you please ensure that if your child does come home in any nursery clothes that these are returned as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Remember to keep an eye on the windows and doors in and around the Nursery, the school website and don't forget to follow us on Twitter @brooklandsprim1 for any other news or events which happen before our next half-termly newsletter.

If there is anything you are unsure of, have any questions or would like to know how to further support your child, please feel free to come and speak to me. Your child's success is of paramount importance to us both.

Miss N Mather
Nursery Teacher