

Broomhill First School



This half term's topic for the Big Owls is

Fun on the Farm!



Join us as we venture down to the farm to learn about animals, farmers, food and harvest.



Literacy, Language & Communication

Children will learn through a range of farmyard stories. They will retell stories with pictures using story language. They will also help to create story boxes and play with props to act out stories. Lots of opportunities for mark making will encourage their early writing skills.

Phonics: Children will be learning new letter sounds each week and will bring them home to practise.

Reading: Children will get their first reading books to take home. They may be picture books to use for telling a story or they may contain simple words. Please send this book into school every day in their reading packet and record in your child's diary whenever you read with them. Children will visit the school library every Friday and will choose a book to take home. Please read these together.

Physical Development

Children will work with large equipment to make machines for the farm and to climb over hay bales. They will be able to drive tractors and wheeled toys. Children will develop their motor skills as they use tools for digging and gardening. We will also do yoga with our specialist teacher on a Wednesday. **Please ensure your child has their PE kit on their peg every day. Make sure all kit is labelled with your child's name (including PE shoes).**



Mathematics

Children will learn number rhymes with a farming theme as they count and order numbers. They will also count animals and match numbers with our numicon equipment. They will begin to do some simple addition and subtraction based on lots of farm themed contexts. Children will look at patterns as they match wellington boots or as they arrange different seeds. They will also learn about time as they sequence the farmer's day.

Understanding the world

Children will gain knowledge about life on a farm. They will identify farm animals and their babies. They will learn how to care for animals and about other jobs on the farm. Children will learn about the products we can get from each animal. We will follow the story of wool as it is sheared from the sheep and turned into a jumper. We will help the Little Red Hen make her bread and then make our own butter from scratch! They will also develop their computing skills as they play farm themed games on the computer and the iPad.

Expressive Arts and Design

Role play areas indoors and outdoors will allow children to use their imagination as they play. They will sell vegetables at the farm shop, feed the animals at the farm yard and work at the tractor repair centre. Children will create farm animals using a range of resources. They will take part in music activities where they will explore songs and rhymes with a farming theme. They will be creative in making up new verses and actions. Children will also use instruments to accompany farm stories by creating animal sounds and repeating simple rhythms.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will settle into their new Big Owls class and learn some new routines. They will work together to create a set of rules to create a 'happy classroom'. Children will learn about friends through our theme of Farmyard Friends.

Water Bottles

Please send your child into school with a named water bottle. They will be returned at the end of each day so they can be washed and filled with fresh water.

Wellies

As we encourage activities outside in all weathers, it would be great if your child had a pair of wellies in school. They can be kept under your child's peg in the classroom.

We are organising a farm trip... Look out for a letter soon!

Junk Boxes

Please send in empty boxes, tubes or scraps of fabric for our junk model bin!

Welcome Meeting

Remember to attend our Reception Welcome meeting for parents on Tuesday 11th September at 2:30pm.

Helping at Home

Talking - Ask your child about their day at school and encourage them to listen and take turns in conversation. Complete 'Talking Time' activities in your child's green book by talking together and send it back into school to share as a class.

Farm Produce - Help your child understand that many everyday items come from farms and animals (e.g. milk, cheese, bread, wool etc).

Maths - Help your child recognise numerals and count objects around you to match each number, encouraging reliable and careful counting.

Tapestry - Continue to use tapestry to share your child's home learning.

Lunch

Children in Reception are entitled to receive Universal Free School Meals regardless of individual financial circumstances. However, if you are entitled to **income related free school meals**, please apply for this as greater benefits will be received for your child, yourself and our school. Please contact the school office or the Free School Meals Team at Northumberland County Council on 01670 623592 or email childrensservices@northumberland.gov.uk Having a school lunch provides excellent learning opportunities for trying new foods, using cutlery and developing table manners. However, should you prefer to provide a healthy packed lunch instead, then please let us know.



If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see us. Thank you for all the help and support you continue to give us. Thank you very much for reading this information letter.

Mrs Haves and Mrs Brindle

