

# Broomhill First School



This half term's topic for the Little 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.

**Reading** - Your child can choose a book from our book box to take home and share with you. Please help to promote a love of reading from an early age.

**Names** - Help your child to recognise their name and when they are ready, to write their name too.

### 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 send your child into school in sports clothes every Friday for PE.**

### Mathematics

Children will learn number rhymes with a farming theme as they begin to count and recognise numbers. They will also count animals and match simple numbers with our numicon equipment. Children will look at patterns as they match wellington boots for the farmer or as they arrange different seeds for the farm crops.



### 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. Children will also use instruments to accompany farm stories by creating animal sounds.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

New starters will settle into their Little Owls class and learn some new routines. The older owls will be kind and will help them. 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.

### Spare Clothes

Please make sure your child has a spare change of clothes in school on their peg **at all times** in case of any accidents.

### Junk Boxes

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

### 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 count objects around you encouraging reliable and careful counting.

**Tapestry** - Use tapestry to share your child's home learning.

### Lunch

Lunches cost **£2 per day / £10 per week**. Remember to send any lunch money in a named envelope. 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

