



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 and harvest.

Understanding the World

Children will learn about what happens on a farm and the different animals that live there. They will discover where our food comes from and what other produce might be made on a farm. Children will make observations and talk about the changing seasons and will learn about autumn and the harvest.



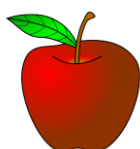
Mathematics

Children will develop their knowledge of numbers by counting groups of farm animals and sorting them by category. They will be encouraged to say number names in order and point to objects one at a time as they count. Children will also develop their number knowledge through songs and games.



Physical Development

Children will explore the themes of farms, animals, harvest and Autumn and will be encouraged to develop their fine motor skills. Manipulating small animals for example, pretending to be an autumn leaf during P.E. or making bread. Children will develop gross motor skills through daily access to outdoor equipment, climbing and balancing apparatus, as well as PE sessions in the hall. We will learn about healthy eating and where our food really comes from, growing potatoes and tasting different kinds of bread. Children will also have the opportunity to take part in a yoga session each week.



PE for the Little Owls is on a Friday.

Please could you ensure your child comes dressed in PE clothes with appropriate footwear every Friday.

Literacy, Language & Communication

Children will learn about farms and the animals that live on them through a variety of stories such as Noisy Farm, Pig in the Pond and Farmer Duck. We will sing songs such as Old McDonald had a farm, 3 little ducks went swimming one day and the Dingle Dangle Scarecrow. Children will learn lots of new topic related vocabulary and will be encouraged to talk and use it in their role play. Children will be given lots of opportunities to make marks, draw and paint independently across the setting.

School Trip

To support our topic, children will be going on a trip to Eshottheugh Animal Park where they will see a range of different farm animals. Look out for our trip letter very soon!

Expressive Arts and Design

Songs and rhymes will be used to support the children's knowledge of animals, farms and the harvest. They will be encouraged to add actions and learn the words. We will also provide opportunities to try different topic themed crafts and art techniques. Children will be able to use their imaginations as they engage in small world and role play in the farm yard, vets and tractor wash.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will spend time establishing classroom routines and expectations. The children will be encouraged to share, take turns and make new friends. Children will be talking about themselves and their abilities and share experiences from their home life. Children will do lots of work on feelings as they engage with our feelings area. They will be able to look at their own faces to recognise different emotions in themselves and they will learn to become aware of the feelings of others.

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.



Daisy Duck

Your child may get the chance to take Daisy Duck home overnight for an adventure. If possible, take some photographs, draw a picture or write a message to bring back to school and share with the class.



Things to help your child

Talking - Talk to your child about what they have done in school and about the themes of farms, harvest and the changing seasons. Remember to bring talking books in every Monday to share in circle time.

Getting dressed - Help develop your child's independence by encouraging them to dress themselves, putting on their own shoes and zipping up their own coats.

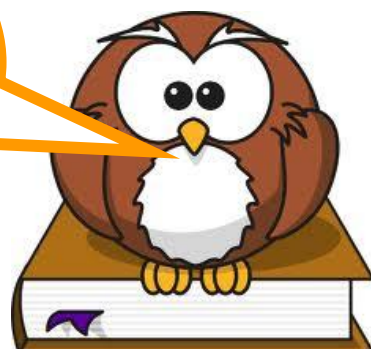
Counting - count anything and everything! Help children get used to the pattern of numbers and counting groups of objects.



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.

Please help your child to choose a library book from the box in nursery. Take a new book home to share and read together.



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 our information letter.



Miss Carrick, Mrs Colbourn and Mrs Brindle