



MOORLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER RECEPTION YEAR

Spring 2

At Moorlands we strongly believe in the partnership between school and parents in each child's learning.

Each half term we shall send home a curriculum newsletter outlining the work your child will be covering in that term. Spring 2 refers to the weeks between the half-term week holiday and the Easter holidays.

The **Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum** sets out seven areas of learning: Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Communication and Language; Physical Development; Literacy; Mathematics; Understanding of the World; Expressive Arts and Design.

MAIN TOPICS

The children will make links to all seven areas of learning focussing on the following topics.

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Animal Kingdom

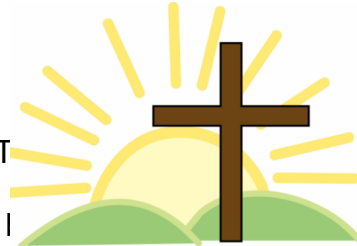
In this topic children will learn about different animals that live in the wild, in farms, in the sea and in gardens. The children will get a chance to see some animals up close with a visit from a pop up farm. This means the children will have the opportunity to explain their observations and to ask questions to animal experts to further their own personal knowledge. The children will also start to understand about some simple life cycles through the wonderful experience of hatching our own chicks and watching caterpillars transform into butterflies.



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Religious Education

This term the children will be learning about Communication and Language (Listening and Attention, Understanding and Speaking) and Literacy (Reading and Writing incorporating Letters and Sounds) through stories to do with both Animals, such as Hungry Caterpillar, Rainbow Fish and Farmer Duck. We will be writing through different purposes such as lists, fact files and labelling and encouraging the children to use letter shapes and think about each sound they can hear in words to help them to write it.



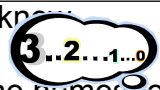
To receive homework to recognise 'Letters and words' that they will be learning in school. They should be encouraged to start using their phonics to sound out the words and blend the sounds to make the words. This is also an opportunity for children to be 'word detectives' and search for their red words within the text. Please

Jigsaw (RSHE)

The children will be learning about the body and how to stay healthy. They will be learning about the parts of the body and how to stay healthy. They will be learning about the parts of the body and how to stay healthy. They will be learning about the parts of the body and how to stay healthy.

At home they can think about:

Mathematics



- Can you tell me which parts of the body you know the names of?

- What do we need to do to be healthy?

- What food do we eat that is healthy?

- What can you do to help yourself get to sleep?

- What would you do if a stranger approached you? (discuss a few different locations)

- How does Jigsaw Jenie help you to count bigger numbers.

- How does Jigsaw Jenie help you to understand the 'stable order principle' - rehearsing the order of the first 10 numbers.

Key Vocabulary: Healthy, Exercise, Head, Shoulders, Knees, Toes, Sleep, Wash, Clean, Stranger.

We will also deepen our understanding of number bonds and parts of a whole number. They will begin to recognise that numbers can be made by combining parts in different ways (e.g. 7 is made of 2 and 5 or 3 and 4), and will be encouraged to make number bonds by considering similarities and differences in the various ways of making 7. A focus will be on partitioning 7 (splitting it into parts) and thinking about the concept of a whole number made up of two equal parts e.g. 6 is 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1.

We will also be doing some more work on doubling and halving. We will be learning about doubles. This will finally lead to understanding how we can use shapes to form animal pictures, practising naming 2D and 3D shapes and looking at their properties. We will also do some work on weighing and using mathematical vocabulary to describe and order objects in terms of their weight.



Topic Key Vocabulary - Animal Kingdom

Incubator Incubation Hatching Life Cycle Pipping Dander Habitat Carnivore Herbivore Wild Fur Feathers	Farm Pen/ Cage Mammal Reptile Fish Pets Chrysalis Pupa Egg Frog spawn Tadpoles Minibeast
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Maths Key Vocabulary

<u>Shapes</u> Properties Sides Corners 3D 2D Flat Curved Straight Round Solid Face Edge End Bigger Larger Smaller Symmetrical Cube Pyramid Sphere Cylinder Cone Triangle Square Circle Rectangle Star	<u>Weight</u> Weigh Weighs balances heavy/light heavier/lighter heaviest/lightest balance scales weight
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Thank you for your support.

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