

Nursery Spring 2 2024	Walkley Primary School Curriculum Newsletter <i>'Enjoyment, Achievement and Learning for life...'</i>	
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Topic: On That Farm

The Big Picture

This half term we will be looking at Farms. We will be thinking about what a farm is, what happens on a farm and exploring the animals that live there. We will be naming the farm animals, listening to the noises they make and finding out what their babies look like.

This topic is also great to look at where our food comes from and for our tractor loving children, a chance to explore how we get our food from the field to our plates.

We will enjoy the changes that Spring will bring to our environment and will observe how the things around us are changing. We have three important events to focus on this half term, World Book Day, Mothers Day and most importantly... Pancake Day where we get the opportunity to cook and eat something delicious.

Once again our learning will be lead with high quality texts and the activities will be planned around our topic but as always, very much geared towards the children's interests. We will explore, create, question and most of all have lots of fun.

Key Information and Dates

Forest School:

Week Beginning —

Walkley World Book Day— 7/03/2025

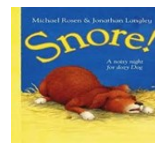
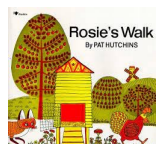
Red Nose Day— 21/03/25

Parents Evening —March 18th and 19th

Please look out for a link that will come to your personal emails showing available slots for you to sign up to.

Communication and language

Class Texts:



Literacy Focus:

Our learning in Nursery is very much led by the key texts that we introduce throughout the topic.

As we explore these texts, the children will extend their vocabulary, learn to add description and detail to their speech and develop their language skills.

We will continue to work on writing the letters in our own names, holding our pens and pencils correctly and building up the muscles in our hands and bodies in preparation for writing. Our older children will be focusing on initial sounds and alliteration in their phonics sessions and our younger children will be further developing their listening skills playing around with making different sounds and identifying familiar sounds from their environment.

Home Learning

At home please encourage your child to develop their independence. It would be helpful if all the Elmers could practice putting on and taking off their own coats and for our Elmers getting ready for school, doing up their own zips would be great too.

Bedtime stories are always a great way to encourage a love for books and stories. Pointing out words and signs when you are about and about and letting your child help you write a shopping list or birthday card. Small children learn by watching and soaking up what we do as grown ups so allow them to watch and take part

Thank You

Maths

Number	Numbers will continue to play a large part of our daily routines and play in Nursery. We will be introducing the children to some different number resources—washing line, abacus, scales and encouraging them to use these in their play. The children will continue to see, play and experience numbers in all areas of the provision and throughout the day. We will use our carpet sessions to come together and look at exploring and understanding numbers 4– 6. Each week we will introduce a new number song which will be repeated throughout the week to allow the children to learn the song well. We will use a range of different games, resources and activities to allow the children to not only be familiar with the different numbers but to also understand how the numbers can be represented.
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Understanding the World

History	Our history will link to our science where the children will be looking at changes over time using language such as yesterday, today, tomorrow. We will also be exploring what Easter is and what Easter means to different people, looking at some of the different Easter traditions that have developed throughout the years.
Geography	In Geography we will be introducing the children to simple maps through our story Rosies Walk. We will also be looking at local buildings including churches, houses, and school and will talk about what these buildings are used for, what we know about them and what they are called.
Science	We will also continue to explore the world as it changes through the seasons looking at the natural resources that Spring has to offer. We will use our investigation area to explore natural spring resources and will be encouraging the children to ask questions about what they see and experience and then work together to try and find the answers.

Physical development	The children will continue to build strength in their hands, arms and core, through a range of different fine motor activities. There will be lots of planned activities both independent and adult led, aimed at giving the children opportunities to practice holding mark making tools and making a range of different marks and strokes. We will continue to run, climb, ride and throw using the equipment in our outside space and participate in dancing, movement and Yoga activities linked to our topics.	Personal, social, emotional development	Our main focus this term will be Friendships and being able to remember rules without needing an adult to remind them. We will be providing opportunities for the children to practise this skill through games and activities. We will continue to learn to choose and use resources that we would like to play with. We will learn to become more independent.
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Expressive art and design	We will be using our fine motor skills to create a range of different farm animals. We will use a variety of farm crops to create our Farmyard pictures and also look at the shapes, textures and patterns created by the wheels of our tractors and treads of our wellies. Our creative area is always open to our children to use and explore their creativity. Please feel free to send in any of your unwanted recycling and we will send it back to you looking so amazing you will not want or be able to throw it away :)	Religious Education	The RE curriculum in Nursery will be covered through celebrating and exploring cultures, traditions and celebrations as they fall in our calendar. This half term we will be learning about how people celebrate Easter.
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