

WC 22nd January 2024

Our Topic is.....
The Great Outdoors!

Next week, we will be learning about.....

Topic: Next week we are excited to welcome eggs from the Living Egg company. We will look after the eggs, whilst they are in the incubator, and watch as the chicks hatch. We will explore the life cycle of a chicken and talk about how we can care for the chicks in class.

Phonics: This week we will learn the next 4 phase 3 sounds - ur (curl the fur), ow (wow owl) oi (boing boing), ear (get near to hear). The children will practise recognising these sounds on their own and in a word before blending the sounds together.

Maths: This week, the children will consolidate their understanding of the composition of 5. Composing and decomposing numbers involves the children investigating part-part-whole relations, e.g. seeing that 5 can be made of 3 and 2. The children will deepen their understanding of a 'whole' being made up of smaller parts through practical experience, in this case moving frogs from a log to a pool in a nursery rhyme.

How you could help your child at home:

- Enjoy listening to your child reading their phonics book with you at home and read for pleasure with them as much as possible.
- Practise reading the phase 3 flash cards you have been given. Can you identify the sound (ar/igh/ee) and then the mnemonic (ar march in the dark/igh light in the night/ ee sheep in a jeep)?
- When tidying up at home, ask the children to pick up *this many* [show 5 using a combination of fingers across BOTH hands] toys, crayons or pieces of litter, etc.
- Ask the children to create their own drawings to represent the frogs in the rhyme used in the main sessions. *How have you drawn the frogs? What do your pictures show? Are there still 5 frogs altogether?*
- Explore the phase 3 phonics resources that have been added to the school website
Link: Fulbourn website - our curriculum - early years – phonics in the early years

Reminders:

- **Phase 3 Phonics Breakfast - Tuesday 30th January 8:20 – 9:10am:** We are excited to be offering reception families the chance to attend a phase 3 phonics workshop. During this session we will introduce you to the new phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs and identify the ways you can support your child at home. There will also be a chance to answer your questions.
- **Reading Books:** Please make sure that the children bring their reading record in, every day.
- **Winter:** The children enjoy spending their busy learning time outside. Please make sure that they have hats, gloves, scarves and a warm coat with them every day.
- **Fulbourn's Got Talent:** We will be carrying out the Fulbourn's Got Talent class auditions on Friday 26th January. If your child would like to enter the competition, then please practise their routine at home ready for the auditions.

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