

WC 29th January 2024

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

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

Topic: Next week we will continue to explore the life cycle of a chick. We will take care of the chick in class, showing compassion and courage whilst looking after and holding them.

Phonics: This week we will learn the last 2 phase 3 sounds - air (chair in the air), er (bigger, digger). We will also explore double letters including, dd, mm, tt, bb, rr, gg, pp, ff, tt.

Maths: This week, the children will continue to engage with activities that develop their understanding of composition, or the numbers within numbers. A key focus will be on exploring ways to represent numbers using the Hungarian number pattern (die pattern). These key representations will help to underline the '5-ness' of 5, and provide structures that will support exploration of its composition and its relationships with other numbers. The children will secure their understanding of the pairs of numbers that make 5, and then use double dice frames to begin to explore 6 and 7 as numbers that are composed of '5 and a bit'.

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)?
- Roll a die and ask the children to make matching amounts using their fingers. Are there other ways to show this amount? What's a quick way?
- Play a board game that focuses on turn taking. My turn, your turn. Encourage children to wait for their go.
- 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.
- **Show and Tell:** We will now have a short show and tell session on a Friday afternoon. We will invite one group each week to present something to the class (we will let the children know if it is their turn.) Where possible the item should be able to fit into their bag. This might include a toy from home, pictures or they may wish to just talk about an experience. (Friday 2nd Feb will be show and tell for **Owls** and **Snakes**)

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