

# Class 2 & 3 Newsletter

## Spring 2 ~ 2024



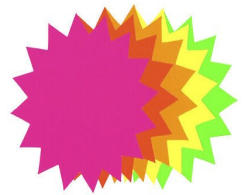
### Busy, busy, busy!

What a wonderful half term we have planned, with so many exciting things to look forward to— a trip to the library World Book Day, Mother's Day celebrations, a visit to the farm and Easter celebrations too. There is going to be a lot to talk about! Watch out for more information throughout the half term, and please always come and ask if there is something you would like to know more about— we always love to chat.

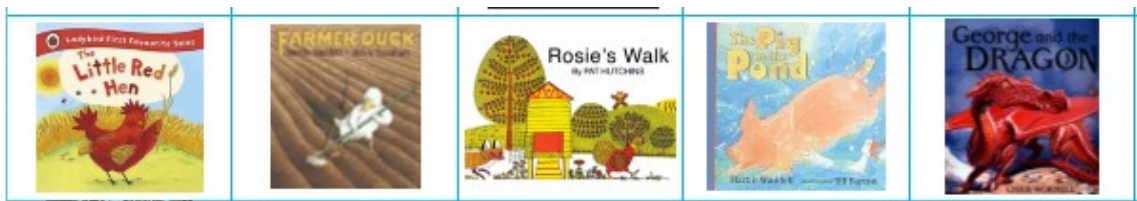


Our focus this half term is 'fun on the farm' - so on 21st March we will be enjoying a trip to Hal Hill Farm!  
We will send out more details for you soon.

Please continue to send in your WOW stars to share all your child's fabulous achievements at home, so we can celebrate this success at school too!



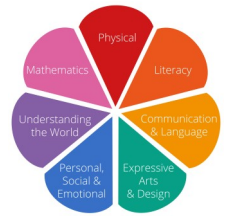
We will be enjoying new 'book hooks' every week— getting to know our stories really well, joining in repeated refrains, sharing our thoughts about the characters and storylines, and deciding if we would recommend these books to our friends.



If your child has enjoyed one of our book hooks, why not head to South Moor library and see if you can borrow it to enjoy at home.

If your child has a favourite book at home, please share this with us— perhaps we can borrow it when we visit the library later this half term and enjoy it as a class!

There are seven areas of learning in Early Years. The 'Prime Areas' are the ones that underpin **everything** we do. They are Communication and Language, Personal Social and Emotional development, and Physical development. Our children need to be supported to develop their skills in these areas so that they can achieve their full potential, which is why they are at the forefront of **everything** we plan and do.



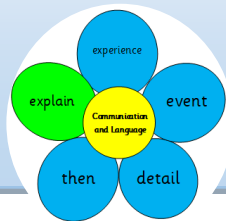
The 'Specific Areas' of learning guide the knowledge we need to teach the children, and are Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design. These are important and planned into your child's learning, but without the ability to communicate about things, you cannot discuss books or ask questions about new words. Without confident fine motor control, you could not grip a pencil and draw.

We always share ways to support your child at home, and thought it would be useful to focus on the Prime Areas of learning. We also wanted to share the words that we will focus on this half term linked to these areas, so you can enjoy using them at home and talking about what they mean.

We hope this is useful, and if there is any way you think we can further support you at home, please do let us know.

### Communication and Language

- \* Ask your child about their experiences at school— what have they enjoyed about the event? Can they use 'because' to explain why?
- \* Ask your child to add details to their explanations about stories they have read or games they have played. Who was there? Where were they? Can they describe things used in their game?



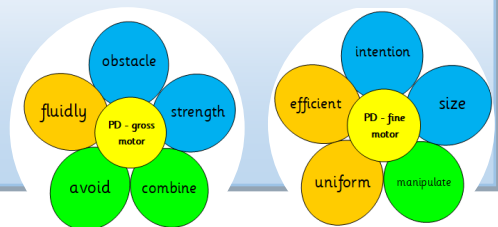
### Personal Social and Emotional development

- \* Talk about your feelings with your child and encourage them to talk about their feelings with you. If there is something that is an issue for them, talk about ways that they can get help and ways in which they can help themselves.
- \* Help your child to follow rules at home and school. Help them understand that they need to take account of other people's feelings and always be respectful of these.



### Physical development

- \* When they play outside can your child move around obstacles, avoiding bumping into equipment and friends? Play football or tag to help them develop this skill.
- \* Play music and encourage your child to dance along— can they move fluidly to match their movements to what they hear?
- \* Encourage your child to draw and cut with safety scissors. They should be able to draw/cut things of a desired and intended size, making shapes of repeatedly uniform sizes.



You can support your child with Literacy and Maths by listening to your child read 5 times a week and adding comments to your child's reading record, and by completing the weekly reading and spelling and maths homework. Thank you 😊