

## **SPRING (2) February 2020**

This half term our topic is 'Growth and New Life.' We will be looking at the lifecycle of chicks and we will be studying farm animals. To support this learning we will have a mobile farm visit our EYFS setting for a morning. This workshop will provide the children with the opportunity to see and handle a variety of farm animals first hand and to find out some fascinating facts about them. We will also be hatching our own chicks. In addition we will be learning about how and why Christians celebrate Shrove Tuesday and Easter.

Phonics — we will continue with our daily Read Write Inc phonics sessions where we will learn new phonemes and diagraphs and continue to practise the key skills of segmenting and blending. We will continue to apply the phonic skills taught by reading short texts in our phonic lessons and use evidence from texts to answer comprehension questions.

In Maths, this term we will be looking at the following topics: Exploring 2D and 3D shapes—children will be introduced to the names and properties of shapes and they will explore the similarities and differences between them. Counting on —children will start to count on to add 2 or more numbers. Numbers bonds to 10 – children will continue to explore number bonds to 10 using numicon, a 10 frame and the part-whole model. Adding more and taking away—children will use real objects to see that the quantity of a group can be changed by adding more or taking items away.

This half term, we will focus on the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children will continue to develop their independent writing skills, remembering to include capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. The children will be given meaningful contexts for writing, including writing lists of ingredients needed to make pancakes, information leaflets about chicks and writing sentences describing characters and settings from Jack and the Beanstalk.

P.E. will be every Thursday and will be taught by Team Theme.  
Homework will be sent home on a Friday and should be returned by the following Monday.