

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s) of Robin Hall,

We hope that your child enjoyed their 'Get Together' zoom meeting last Wednesday and Friday. We had some technical issues with one of the zooms but we are pleased that you re-joined us on Friday and had your Get Together with the Nursery team then. We hope that the children are looking forward to another 'Get together' this Wednesday 3rd March. The zoom link and the time are the same as last time. Your child's class teacher will send the zoom link if you have missed it. Please get in touch with us.

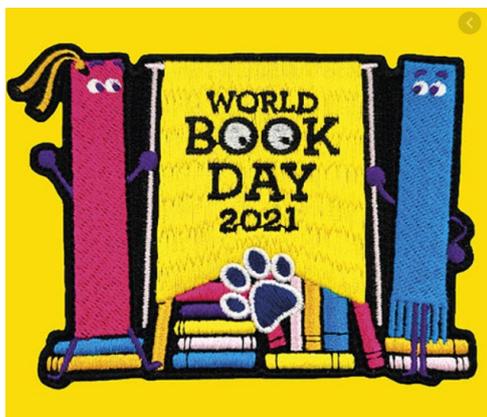
Carle Class –Wednesday 03.03.2021 at **2pm**.

Rosen class Morning Class- Wednesday 03.03.2021 at **1.30pm**

Rosen Class Afternoon Class- Wednesday 03.03.2021 at **2pm**

The following week the children will be able to see one another as the Nursery is reopening following on from the government announcement on Monday 22.02.2021. All schools are going back on 8th March! There will be a separate letter from Miss Ross regarding the arrangements and risk assessment with key points.

We have a full newsletter this week with lots of 'goodies' for children to enjoy and learn about. This week we will be joining the whole world in celebrating books and reading for pleasure. We will be celebrating **World Book Day** on Thursday 4th March 2021 and the children will have a chance **to dress up as their favourite book/story character and enjoy acting out stories**. Please take part in daily challenges from Ms Cannon over this week to mark WBD and don't forget to send us your pictures on Tapestry.

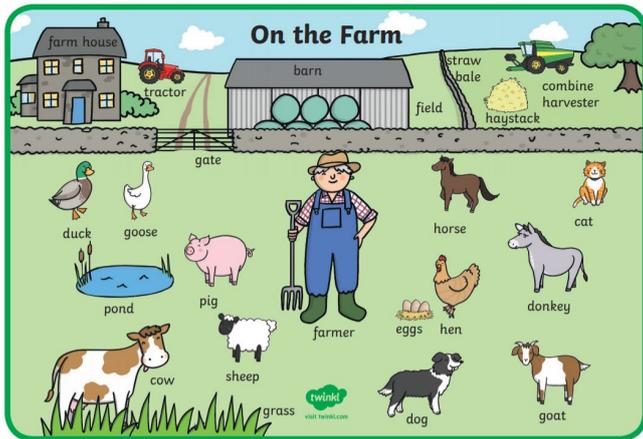


Please don't forget to dress up as your favourite character on Thursday 4th March! Snap a picture and send it to us!



We also have a **very special gift** for you to celebrate multicultural aspect in our school. Listen to some stories in a different language to yours, to English, to enjoy diversity and appreciate linguistic difference. We have a story in Albanian, Polish, French, Urdu and more. Can you follow the story from pictures? Or perhaps you can understand the language the guest reader is using. If any parents and carers would like to contribute a video of reading a story in their own language, or reading their favourite story in English, please email me and we will be extremely happy to have you. Thank you

We will also continue with learning about the farm and animals as part of our learning journey: "On the Farm"



'On the farm' is a wide-ranging topic with plenty of opportunity for the children to learn about caring for the environment, animals and for themselves. Looking at farms that grow crops and vegetables extends the scope of this topic and allows for lots of fun with planting, growing and cooking! We will be looking at different natural materials, where the food comes from and how to look after animals. This half-term we will also celebrate World Book Day and look at Easter festival towards the end of the half-term.

Other Notices:

-Don't miss our **daily story and a daily Boromi (offline) activity** on **Tapestry** and a weekly sing song from your child's class team.

-The last **Exchange Library Books** service will run on Monday 1st March between 12.30-2pm in the Cuckoo Hall playground (please enter via Mottingham Street entrance).

-If you haven't picked up a **creativity/learning pack** for your child full of printable activities and resources for creative work from school's office, please let us know.

Thank you

Preparing your home learning environment

Book Week Challenge - Wednesday 3rd March 2021

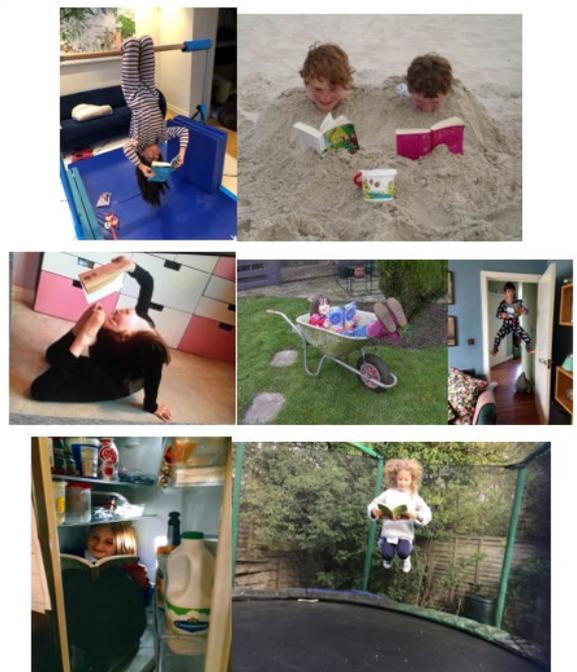
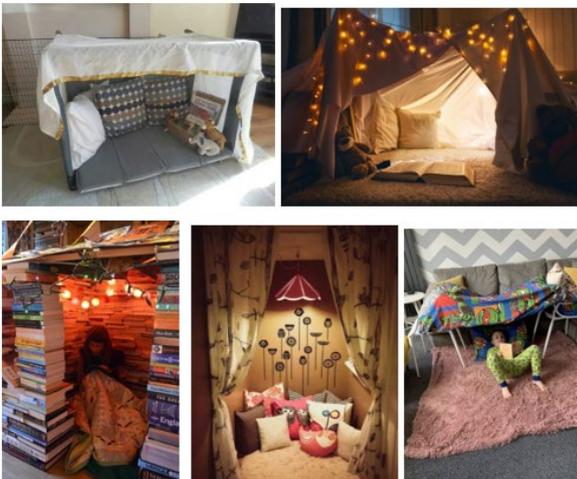
Extreme Reading Challenge

Your challenge is to find the most interesting or unusual place to read your book. Take a photo of yourself reading in this place and upload it onto Tapestry. Have a look at the examples below to give yourself some ideas!

Book Week Challenge - Monday 1st March 2021

Design a Reading Den

Your challenge is to find an area of your home (check with your parents first!) that you can turn into a reading den. A reading den is a relaxing area that you can comfortably read in. Look at the pictures below for some ideas:



When you have created your Reading Den, take a photo and upload it onto Tapestry for your teacher to see.

Tuesday 2nd March 2021 Multicultural Storytellers treat. Please click here to listen to a story in a different language to English, as well as an English story. In Albanian [here](#). In Urdu [here](#). In English [here](#). In Polish [here](#).

**Thursday 4th March 2021 Poetry feast
5 Little Bears**



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hMMYGQy5XeM>

You might want to:

Beat out the rhythm by tapping, clapping, using drumsticks

Add in actions/sound effects

Use puppets/pictures

Q: What sound do bears make?

Q: Are there any other animals that roar too?

Ideas: Make a bear mask; make a bear finger puppet/lolly stick puppet; colour in numbers to represent the bears

Five Little Bears

Five little bears went swimming one day,
Down at the river where all the bears play,
Mummy bear said 'Roar! Come back!'
But only four little bears came back.

Four little bears went swimming one day,
Down at the river where all the bears play,
Mummy bear said 'Roar! Come back!'
But only three little bears came back.

Three little bears went swimming one day,
Down at the river where all the bears play,
Mummy bear said 'Roar! Come back!'
But only two little bears came back.

Two little bears went swimming one day,
Down at the river where all the bears play,
Mummy bear said 'Roar! Come back!'
But only one little bear came back.

One little bear went swimming one day,
Down at the river where all the bears play,
Mummy bear said 'Roar! Come back!'
But no little bears came back.

No little bears went swimming one day,
Down at the river where all the bears play,
Daddy bear said 'Roar! Come back!'
And all the little bears came swimming back.

Listen and Talk

Listen to the farm animal factual book read by Mr Kapalamula.
Click [here to view the video](#).



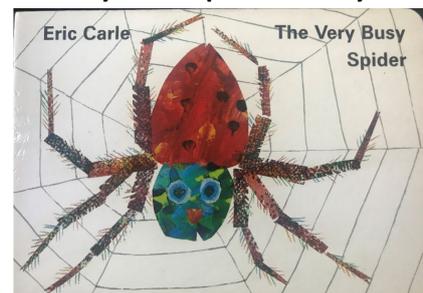
Can you find out all the names of farm animals and their babies
and where the animals live on the farm.

Can you name baby farm animals?

Listen [to the story of Pinky's Farm](#) and the
Very Busy Spider [read by Mrs Powrie here](#).



Why is the spider so busy?



Find amazing 6 videos about farm animals featuring cows, horses, goats, pigs & more here: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLSqPW8v_H6iYAFng0-Gj_hJhPAfeluUv7



In your learning pack you have an activity of matching mother and baby farm animals. Have a go!

Mothers and Their Young
Cut out the pictures of the young animals and stick them next to their correct mother.

goose		cow			
sheep		pig			
goat		horse			
duck		chicken			

Mark Making and Writing

In your new nursery pack you will have a name card to help your child

practise writing their name.



Watch [Mrs Field's video](#) that gives you some tips on how to hold a pencil correctly and what to do when writing your name.

Parents please make sure that when your child is writing their name they only write a capital at the beginning of their name and then use lower case letters. Please don't encourage them to write their whole name in capitals as this can make it difficult if they have to re-learn how to write their name using lowercase letters.



Make and play



Click [here to view the video](#) that Mr Kapalamula prepared for you.

Here is our recipe for making play dough. Although cream of tartar is in the recipe, it is all about the consistency of the playdough and you can actually make it without cream of tartar.

The salt is mainly to stop children eating the playdough so this can also be avoided and will not affect the consistency of the playdough. When hot water is used the play dough can last up to a week. Cold water means the play - dough can dry more rapidly. Please take great care with hot water and make sure that children don't burn their hands.

Make your own playdough

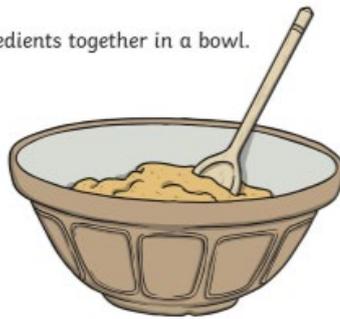


You Will Need:

- 2 cups plain flour
- 1 cup salt
- 2 cups water
- 2 tbsp oil
- 4 tsp cream of tartar
- Food colouring



1. Mix ingredients together in a bowl.



2. Now cook the mixture on a hob in a saucepan or pop the bowl into a microwave to cook for 5 minutes.

3. Leave to cool and it is now ready to be played with!



Outdoor Activity: Nature hunt/Explorers

Nature Hunt

Spring is here and there are changes happening in our gardens and at the park. Can you go on a Nature hunt and see if you can find:

A leaf, a seed, a weed, an insect, a flower, a watering can, a bird, some grass, a stone, a web, a stick, a feather.



The Nursery rhyme of this week is: Dingle dangle scarecrow

Hello Nursery! There have been some magical things going on... Mrs Idziaszczyk has turned into a...SCARECROW!

Listen to the song [here](#).



When all the cows were sleeping
And the sun had gone to bed
Up jumped the scarecrow
And this is what he said!

I'm a dingle, dangle scarecrow
With a flippy, floppy hat
I can shake my hands like this
And shake my feet like that

When all the hens were roosting
And the moon behind the cloud
Up jumped the scarecrow
And shouted very loud

I'm a dingle, dangle scarecrow
With a flippy, floppy hat
can shake my hands like this
And shake my feet like that

Scarecrows are put in allotments and fields to scare away the birds.

Why do you think we need to scare off the birds from the fields and allotments?



Maths: Farm Animals and Shapes

Let's play!

We have an exciting game for you to play.

Please watch the video [here](#).

It is a game full of surprises. We are going to do some tracing and cutting. Then we will close our eyes and draw an animal that will go onto our shape. You can play this game on your own or with other people, e.g. your siblings or mum or dad.

Mrs Idziaszczyk played the game on her own and then she also played it with other nursery teachers. They all loved it!

Have fun!



Challenges with Mr May- our PE teacher

Please check our website:

<https://www.cuckoohallacademy.org.uk/Staying-active>

Super Singing Session with Ms Cunningham. Join in singing and signing the words. Have fun! Click here for [Miss Polly had a dolly](#); Click [here](#) for "More" song; and [here](#) for the Happy song.



Farm Key Vocabulary

Please spend some time with your child to explore the following vocabulary. Please try to learn 4-5 words a week. Can the children draw the picture to illustrate the new word?

cattle grid



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pig



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straw bale



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combine harvester

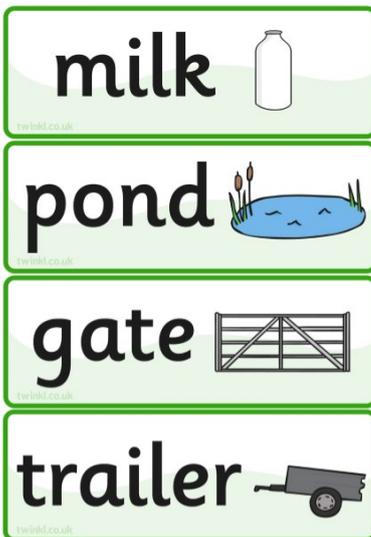
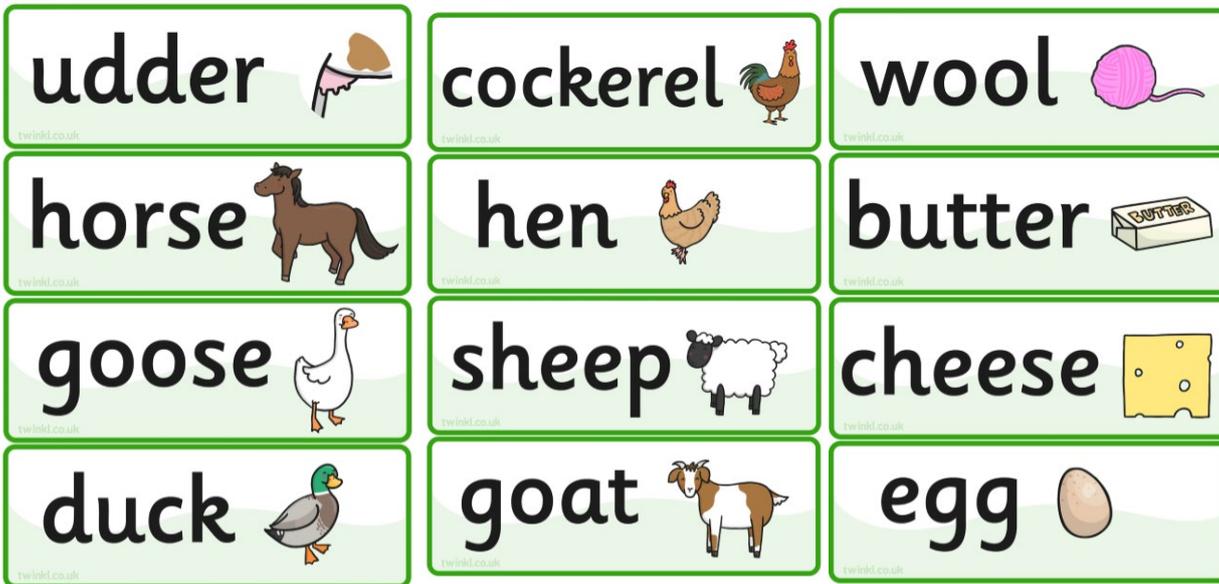


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It is important that you read to your child daily, engage in regular conversations with them and sing songs and rhymes together. You can join CBeebies website to find many children's favourites: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch>

If English is not your first language, please read and sing in your mother tongue as language universals are transferable and will benefit your child's development greatly.

The Department for Education in England launched Hungry Little Minds in September 2019– a three-year campaign that aims to help parents understand that they have a big impact on their child's learning and that reading, playing and chatting with them is a simple thing they can do to help them develop. Please visit the website for a great deal of activities and suggestions that you can engage in with your child to support them. <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

Please keep us informed about your child's learning at home. We would love to know how you get on with the activities suggested above or any fun learning activities of your own choice. Please send your photos and videos via Tapestry to us or send them to jpowrie@chat-edu.org and I will pass them on to the class teacher.

Keep safe and well.

Thank you for your support.

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