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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a fantastic half term. We are very excited to start our new topic about "The Farm and animals". We will explore this theme through a range of activities and discussions.

Please read with your child every night and write a comment in their books. Children who read every night will go into a monthly draw to win a trip to the book shop! In Year 1 the children will be asked to complete homework each week. Please support your child by helping them to complete this. In Reception the children have phonics tins. Please take time to help them learn the letters and sound out and blend the words.

"Show and Tell" is every Friday and we ask that toys are kept at home all other days.

Please ensure all clothing is named so that we can ensure each child has the correct clothing.

Thank you for your support!

Literacy

The children will continue their Phonics work this half term which will include listening games, songs and activities. We will continue to provide opportunities for purposeful mark making within the areas. UFS children will be continuing to practice writing their name as well as sounding out and writing CVC words. Year 1 children will continue to develop their writing by writing CVC words and short sentences independently and by using their phonic knowledge to write short sentences.

Through our Literacy activities, all children will have daily opportunities for listening to stories, talking about characters, sequencing stories and making predictions about stories. This half term we will be reading a range of non-fiction books as well as "Famer Duck" and "Chicken Licken".

CHALONER PRIMARY

YR/1-Mrs Burley's class

This half term's topic is: The Farm and Animals



Maths

In our maths lessons, children will learn to count and recognise numerals, as well as adding and subtracting. We will begin to tell the time and looking at the different coins we use.



PE

Our weekly PE sessions will focus on running, jumping and throwing. **Please remember to send in a named PE kit.** These can be kept at school for the term. Outside UFS will continue to learn a range of throwing and catching skills. Smaller motor activities will include a range of daily activities that will develop our fingers and get us ready for writing! Our climbing frame outside is also developing confidence, strength and balance on this equipment.

PE days are: Monday and Friday.

PSED In Personal, Social and Emotional Development sessions, we will focus on sharing, taking turns, playing well together and looking after ourselves. We will also be discussing the consequences of our actions. We will also be discuss how to look after animals and pets.

Geography

We will be begin to discover how to take care of our environment. We will also be learn the names of the continents.

Science

We will find out about animal life cycles. We will be continue to look after our broad beans.

ICT

UFS will have opportunities to use a variety of different programs to enhance their learning. Year 1 will be learning how to log on to the computers independently and will develop their typing skills.

Food Technology Money

We ask for a contribution of **£1 each half term.** This helps us to provide children with the resources and equipment needed for this important area of the curriculum. **Unfortunately without your donations we will not be able to make, bake and taste.**

This half term we are planning to bake bread and make pancakes.

Art and Design:

This half term we will be creating moving pictures. We will also be creating cards to celebrate Easter.



7th March: Parents Evening

10th March: PD Day

15th March: Class assembly 11-11:15

24th March: Activity Hour 2-3

5th April: Family Day

7th April: School closes

24th April: School re-opens