



CHALONER PRIMARY

Early Years Foundation Stage Topic Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable half term break and that the children are ready to plough into our new topic all about farm and life cycles!

We will be finding out about farm animals; the life cycle of a chick; where our food comes from and what farmers do! We will explore them through fiction and non-fiction books and through a range of activities and discussions.

UFS: Please continue to 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!

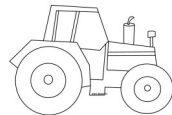
LFS: Books are available to take away and share with your child. Signing them out is easy and it will give you a chance to talk about the pictures, what may happen next, the characters in the story and the settings. Lots of you have already won a book to keep after filling your reading passport, well done!

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

Communication, Language and 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, also recognising and writing our names and captions for our pictures.

Through our Literacy activities, all children will have daily opportunities for listening to stories, talking about characters, sequencing stories and making predictions about stories. We will use a range of texts this half term focusing on: The Little Red Hen, Chicken Licken and The Easter story. We will supplement these stories with our reading in school.



Maths

Our Number and Shape work will continue to focus on number recognition, practical calculating and finding missing numbers. We will also explore patterns as well as the Days of the Week. We will also create pictograms to represent some of our findings.



Physical Development

UFS will continue with our weekly PE sessions that will focus on music and movement. Please remember to send in a named PE kit. These can be kept at school for the term. Outside we will continue to learn a range of throwing and catching skills. LFS will also focus on their motor movements to include throwing, catching and a range of travelling techniques. Smaller motor activities will include a range of daily activities that will develop our fingers and get us ready for writing! We will also use the blocks available outside to build our own farm! We will develop an understanding about moving to music.



In PSED (Personal, Social and Emotional Development), we will continue to focus on sharing, taking turns, playing well together and looking after ourselves. Our farm topic will also involve how to care for and treat living animals and we will also look at where our food comes from.

Understanding of the World:

Upper and lower foundation stage will explore aspects of farm through stories. Children will have the opportunity to hear and discuss fiction and non-fiction text about farm life and animals, we will also learn about where our food comes from and the life cycle of a chick. We will be able to use a range of materials to build 3D models of tractors and animals too.

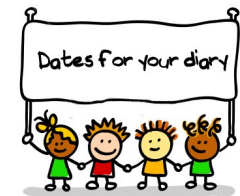
Food Technology Money

In both Upper and Lower Foundation, 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, including each Friday when we make, bake and taste.



Expressive art and Design:

The children will have creative opportunities daily to explore the topic this term. Through paint, play dough, glue and other media, children will explore and expand their knowledge and understanding all about farm animals and farm life.



Thursday 2nd March—WORLD BOOK DAY
 Tuesday 7th March—Parents Evening
 Friday 10th March—PD Day (children not in school)
 Friday 24th March—Activity hour
 Wednesday 5th April—Family day
 Friday 7th April—Break up for Easter