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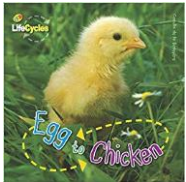
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Dear Parents and Carers



Our Topic in Reception is 'Ready, Steady, Grow!'



Our Topic focuses on growing, life cycles and seasonal changes. We have an exciting couple of weeks ahead of us with the arrival of some eggs and chicks for the children to observe hatching and then to take care of. We will also be planting flowers, observing seeds and engaging in a lot of outdoor learning.

Literacy & Phonics – Getting the children ready for Year 1, we will be focusing on sentence writing and using our phonic knowledge to read and decode texts. We are practicing using finger spaces, full stops and capital letters. We are moving onto Phase 4 phonics which focuses on CVCC and CCVC words (C=consonant, V=vowel) such as help, stop, tent. The ebooks set via Big Cat Collins will focus on our learning from last term, looking at digraphs and ensuring your child is fluent and consistent in recognising these within words. Comprehension will be a greater focus now whereby we ask the children questions about the book they have read to recall facts, predict and retell the story.

Reading activities: We will continue to send home an ebook each week on a Friday which your child can access via their Big Cat Collins log on. We encourage the children to engage in this ebook as it is part of our phonics scheme to have 3 reads a week to develop fluency. Your child reads this same book twice in school before it comes home. We will continue to send a book home on a Monday and Friday in their reading folders along with a reading activity each Wednesday.

Mathematics – We will begin by exploring numbers 11 and 12 then moving onto teen numbers up to 20. We will count forwards and backwards, recognising and write them. Progressing from this we will explore counting in 10s to 100. This will lead into further calculations focused on addition and subtraction sums within 10.

PE – Indoor PE is a Monday afternoon lead by Fizzy Tots. Friday PE is outdoor team games. Please send your child to school on a Friday in their outdoor PE kit as we will also have forest school.



Twycross Zoo Trip – Our trip to the zoo is in a few weeks which we are preparing for in our learning at school. Thank you for all the responses to volunteer and help on the day. Those who have been contacted by Mrs Farrell will be coming with us on the trip and we will keep everyone else in mind for future trips. If you have not done so already please can you complete the electronic permission form and if possible contribute to the cost of the trip (£16 per child).

Upcoming dates:

- 17th April – Eggs and chicks arrive in school for two weeks.
- 16th May – Twycross Zoo trip

Thank you
The Early Years Team

